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Patrol attacked in Lebanon IDF tanks in action to silence Syrians

By HIRSH GOODMAN
Post Defence Correspondent

Military officials last night played down the two-hour exchange of fire between Israeli and Syrian forces yesterday afternoon.

The incident began at 3 p.m. near Kafir Kook in the eastern sector of Lebanon, very close to the Syrian border. During the clash, both sides exchanged tank fire and the Syrians opened fire from positions in both Lebanon and Syria.

The Israel Defence Forces spokesman announced last night there had been no Israeli casualties.

The sources told *The Jerusalem Post* they consider the incident an isolated and local one, and not indicative of a Syrian change of policy.

They warned, however, that incidents such as these could only lead to escalation and that for this reason,

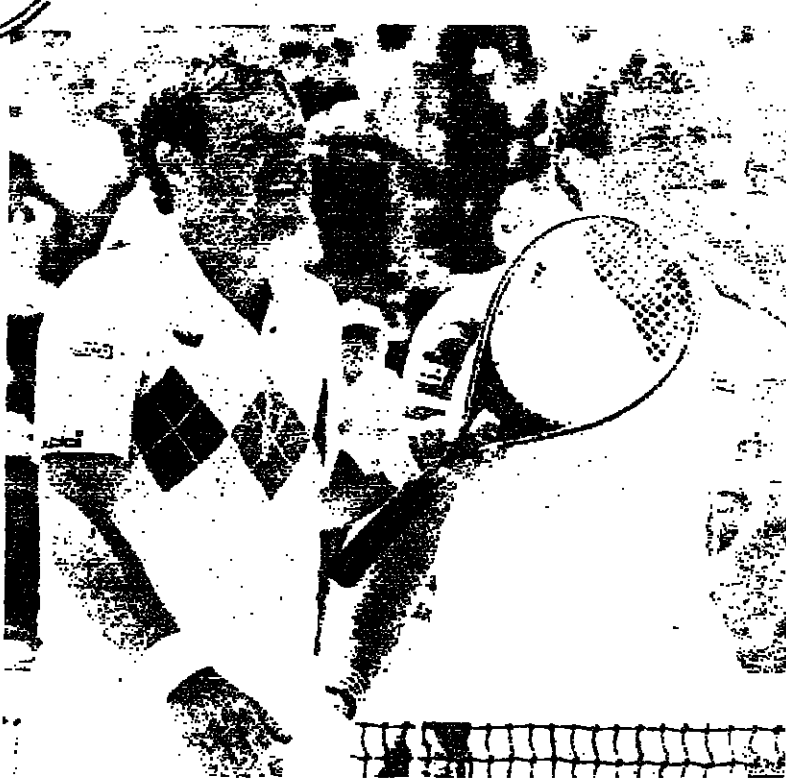
they consider it of consequence.

Yesterday's exchange of fire developed after light weapons fire was directed at an Israeli foot patrol along the cease-fire lines between the sides in eastern Lebanon. Israel responded using armour, as is consistent with our policy of disproportionate retaliation, in the hope that the other side will understand that we will not be drawn into a war of attrition," a senior military source told *The Post*.

The heavy IDF barrage enabled the patrol - which had been pinned down by the enemy fire - to withdraw without casualties.

Military officials also refused to link the infiltration of four terrorists from Syria to the Golan Heights two weeks ago with the incident.

The two-hour incident lasted until 5 p.m. yesterday, when quiet was restored.



Poland's Wojtek Fibak (left) and Israel's Shlomo Glickstein walk off court yesterday after Glickstein had beaten Fibak in straight sets in the opening match of the Davis Cup tie at the Jerusalem Tennis Centre yesterday. (Story page 4)

Significant progress made at wage talks

By ROY ISACOWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - Significant progress was reportedly made yesterday at the wage negotiations between the Histadrut and the public sector employers, although a wide gap still separates the two sides. A further session of talks has been tentatively set for Sunday.

The progress reported yesterday is expected to avert an immediate showdown in the public sector. The talks are taking place in the shadow of work disputes declared by all major public-sector unions over the past two weeks.

The government yesterday presented a new proposal for an average wage hike of between 12 and 15 per cent. While the proposal is still far below the Histadrut's demand of a 22.5 per cent rise, it was described by Histadrut participants as "a definite improvement" on the government's previous 8 per cent offer.

Histadrut trade union department chairman Haim Haberfeld said after the meeting that "progress was made and the basis exists to continue the negotiations." He expressed the hope that the government's proposal was not its "last word."

However, several union secretaries told *The Jerusalem Post* that the Treasury's proposal is conditional on limiting the independent negotiating position of the unions.

Once a framework agreement is signed, each union normally negotiates branch-level agreements with

the employers. It is understood that the present Treasury proposal would limit the negotiating freedom allowed the individual unions.

"It leaves us less than 4 per cent leeway to solve our own specific problems," one secretary said. "If this proposal is accepted, there will be no place for branch-level negotiations."

The two sides are still divided over the structure of wage scales. While they agree on a minimum wage of some 50 per cent of the average national wage, the government is

points and children's grants.

The Histadrut is demanding that all three be linked 100 per cent to the monthly index. While Treasury officials have said that they accept this in principle, no framework for implementing it has yet been established.

Another problem raised - but not solved - during the meeting, was when a new agreement would come into effect. The previous agreement expired at the end of March.

At the start of yesterday's session, Finance Ministry director-general Nissim Baruch, head of the employers' negotiating team, expressed his displeasure at the wave of sanctions and work disputes in the public sector. Haberfeld replied that the Histadrut, too, is concerned by the labour unrest, which, he said, was due to the failure to reach work agreements.

Several Histadrut participants told *The Post* that they were dissatisfied with Baruch's approach to the talks. "He adopted a 'take it or leave it' approach which we simply can't accept," one said. Union leaders reportedly told Baruch during the meeting that his statements that Histadrut demands would lead to a national disaster were not conducive to reaching a settlement.

Baruch said after the meeting that he was negotiating with the Histadrut because the labour federation demanded immediate negotiations. However, he said, he believes that "serious and basic" negotiations can be held only after the election.

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Two Katyusha rockets land close to Israeli border

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

KIRYAT SHMONA. - Remains of two 107-millimetre Katyusha rockets that were fired on Wednesday night at the Galilee Panhandle were discovered yesterday by Israeli soldiers in South Lebanon, close to the Israeli border, near Kibbutz Misgav Am.

The IDF is continuing to search for the source of the rocket fire, but it is certain that the Katyushas were launched from the area under IDF control.

Over the last year there have been several attempts to fire Katyushas at the Galilee Panhandle. Some of the rockets have landed in South Lebanon and a few have fallen in the panhandle.

South Lebanon Army soldiers yesterday carried out wide-scale arrests in the area of Arrab Salim village, north of Nabatiya. Several attacks against IDF forces have

occurred recently in this area, and those arrested are suspected of involvement in these attacks.

Among those arrested was Sheikh Abdul Karim Shamsa-Din, one of the village notables. He is suspected of inciting his villagers to attack the IDF.

General Antoine Lahad, the commander of the South Lebanon Army, arrived in the village to explain to the inhabitants why the arrests were being made. Many IDF soldiers and South Lebanon Army troops were sent to the village to prevent disturbances.

It is reported yesterday that residents of South Lebanon are continuing to move to the north. There is no basis to foreign reports that the IDF is cutting the north off from the south, it was said.

The Badr u-Shuf pass is open and those who wish to travel north are not subject to unnecessary delays.

Settler admits belonging to Jewish underground

By DAVID RICHARDSON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The conviction yesterday of Gilad Peli, 31, of Moshav Keshet in the Golan Heights on charges of belonging to a terrorist organization, confirms for the first time the existence of a subversive Jewish underground in the territories.

Peli pleaded guilty in the Jerusalem District Court to being a member of a terrorist organization, to three counts of conspiracy, which include causing grievous bodily harm and attacking the Dome of the Rock, damaging army property and illegally possessing and transporting weapons.

The terrorism charge alone carries a maximum penalty of 20 years' imprisonment.

Peli pleaded guilty following a plea bargaining between his counsel, Advocate Ya'akov Hagler, and the prosecution, as a result of which a charge of activity on behalf of a terrorist organization was modified to membership. A charge of attempted murder was also changed to conspiracy to cause grievous bodily harm and to plant an explosive charge.

After the conviction Judge Israel Weiner heard the pleas of both the state and the defence on the sentence, which will be handed down next Thursday.

Peli who addressed the court himself in slow, carefully chosen words said that some of his actions stemmed from a deep conviction that he was acting in the best interests of his people and country. He expressed remorse, however, about having stolen weapons from the IDF. Finally, he asked the judge "not to punish the innocent," his family.

Hagler, one of the more colourful members of the Israeli Bar, made an impassioned speech on behalf of his client exhorting the judge to remember that he was a Jewish judge sitting in an Israeli court and not a judge sitting on the bench of the International Court of Justice in the Hague.

But his arguments were vigorously countered by the Deputy State Attorney Dorit Beinisch. She warned of the danger posed to democratic societies by people willing to commit crimes for ideological reasons and demanded consecutive sentences for the crimes of which he was convicted.

In another courtroom in the same building another member of the organization Yosef Zuria of Ramat Hasharon also pleaded guilty to charges of conspiracy to attack the Temple Mount, the illegal possession of weapons parts and aggravated fraud. He was convicted on his own admission following plea bargaining.

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Yosef Zuria (left), and Gilad Peli pictured outside Jerusalem District Court yesterday where they pleaded guilty to charges in the Jewish terror case. (Rahamim Israeli)

Nato relieved after Holland votes to deploy U.S. missiles

THE HAGUE (Reuters). - The Dutch parliament yesterday supported a government plan to deploy 48 U.S. medium-range cruise nuclear missiles if the Soviet Union targets more SS-20 rockets on Western Europe.

After a tense 12-hour debate into the early hours of the morning, parliament also threw out a series of opposition motions designed to overturn or weaken the scheme based on Nato strategy. Nato sources expressed relief at news of the vote.

The rejection of the motions by 79 votes to 71 ensured the survival of the centre-right coalition cabinet.

The cabinet plan, which delays any firm go-ahead for deployment until November next year, also says the Netherlands is willing to take a reduced number of cruise missiles if East and West reach an accord limiting such weapons.

Defending the scheme, Prime Minister Ruud Lubbers called it "a signal to Moscow on breaking the arms spiral."

Lifta suspects sent to mental hospital

Two members of the so-called Lifta gang, charged with planning to attack Moslem shrines on the Temple Mount, were yesterday ordered hospitalized in a psychiatric facility until the end of their trial.

Jerusalem District Court Judge Shalom Brenner issued the order following a recommendation by psychiatrists who examined the accused, Uzi Mahsia Alon, 46, and Yehuda Limai, 31. Alon and Limai lived in the abandoned village of Mei

Neftoah (Lifta) at the entrance to Jerusalem.

The state attorney is to decide soon if it will try to refute a possible defence argument that the accused were not in control of their actions. It will also decide whether to cross-examine the psychiatrists who diagnosed the accused.

Alon and Limai are charged with conspiring and attempting this year to blow up the Dome of the Rock and the Aksa Mosque. (Him)

Assad deputy due in Beirut

BEIRUT. (AP). - Syria is expected to send its chief Lebanese mediator to Beirut within the next two days to try to resolve the conflict over the Lebanese Army that has stymied the new cabinet, officials and sources said yesterday.

Former president Camille Chamoun, now a minister in Syrian-backed Rashid Karamah's national

coalition government, said after meeting with President Amin Gemayel that Syrian vice-president Abdul-Halim Khaddam could arrive today, but might delay his visit until Monday.

The cabinet has been deadlocked over how the split Lebanese Army should be rebuilt with balance between Moslems and Christians.

Robber's body to be crucified in Sudan

KHARTOUM. (AP). - The body of a convicted Sudanese criminal will be crucified here today after he is hanged to death, the Sudan News Agency (Suna) reported yesterday.

The agency identified the man as Al-Wasiq Sabab Al-Khair, and said he was found guilty of three charges of armed robbery by the Omdurman emergency court, one of more than a dozen set up after Sudan's President

Jaafar Numeiri proclaimed martial law in this East African nation April 29.

The tribunals are empowered to apply the penalties introduced when Numeiri decreed Sharia (Moslem holy) law in Sudan last September. These include amputation of the right hand for thieves, stoning to death for adulterers, and whipping for drunkards.

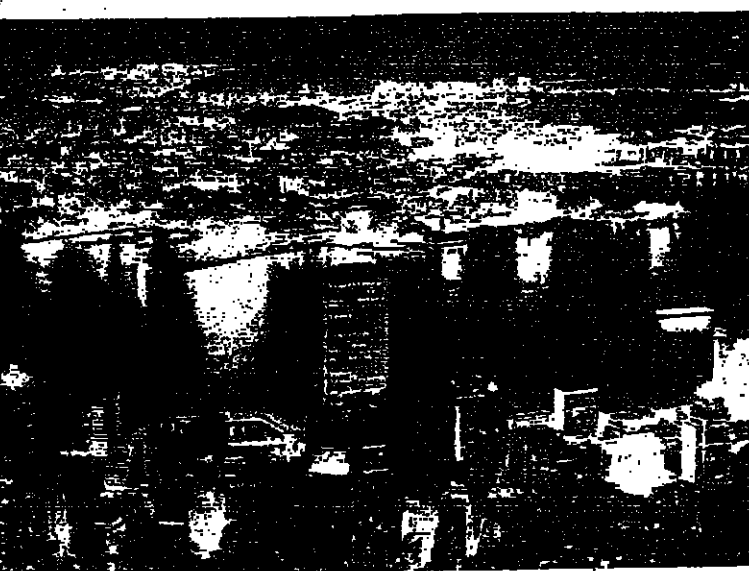
Local industries get \$1b. U.S. orders

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Recently, however, a new policy was instituted whereby all deals include agreement for the sale of Israeli products as well, he explained.

Around the world



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Eilat	12	22-34	36

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Over 1,000 guests attended the garden party given yesterday by the British Ambassador and Mrs. Patrick Moberly on the occasion of the Queen's Birthday.

The Minister of Culture of the province of Alberta, Canada, Mary Lemessurier, this week visited Yad Vashem and laid a wreath on the memorial to victims of the Holocaust.

Wizo's annual spring bazaar will open tomorrow night at 8:30 at Wizo (Rebecca Sieff) House in Tel Aviv. It will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Sunday and from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday.

Yitzhak Rabin, M.K. will speak at the luncheon meeting of the Haifa Engineers Club at 1 p.m. today. Table reservations by phone, 674583.

The Hebrew poets S. Shalom and Anat Levit yesterday received Bar-Ilan University's annual Mendel and Thelma Wertheimer Prize.

Husband suspected of trying to kill wife 2 days after wedding

HAIFA (Itim). - A man accused of trying to kill his wife two days after marrying her was yesterday ordered detained until next Thursday when his trial begins. The prosecution says the man Haim Sa'ad Awada, 23, of Sejur village near Acre, was forced to marry his wife. Shortly before the wedding day, he got a hand-grenade from a relative serving in the Israel Defence Forces.

Two days after the wedding, the prosecution charges, he threw the grenade at his wife while walking with her on their way to her parents' home. Awada immediately took shelter and his wife was wounded, as were two passersby. He is also charged with illegal possession of the grenade.

HOME AND WORLD NEWS

Rosolio wanted book on Levinson delayed

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. - The secretary of Hefetz Ovdin, the Histadrut's holding company, Danny Rosolio, and a senior Bank Hapoalim official indicated to writer Yair Kotler they would make it worth his while to delay publication of his book. *Not for Publication* which is about Bank Hapoalim's former boss, Ya'acov Levinson. Kotler, who made this revelation, said he turned down the offers.

Kotler told *The Jerusalem Post* that Rosolio discussed the matter with him several times. Rosolio said he feared publication of the book, which deals with Levinson, who committed suicide after the police were instructed to investigate his activities, could cost the Labour Party five to 10 mandates.

Kotler said he told Rosolio that delaying publication would be financially suicidal. The time was ripe for publication because of Hebrew elections. He said he assured Rosolio nothing in the book could harm Labour, but Rosolio nevertheless was uneasy and suggested that Kotler come to his office. "There is something to talk about," Rosolio said, according to Kotler. Kotler said he interpreted these words to

mean some kind of deal.

Interviewed over Education TV's Erev Hadash programme yesterday, Rosolio confirmed he had approached Kotler but insisted the journalist had not been offered any money. "I did it out of a belief that we are in the midst of a serious debate over the fate of the state and I thought Kotler should be asked to delay publication until after the election so that the book would not be involved in (the campaign)," he said.

After Rosolio said he knew Labour had nothing to fear from the book, he was asked why he had offered to buy up an entire edition of the book. (That offer was reportedly made through a third party.) Rosolio said, and Kotler confirmed that he had not offered the journalist any money. "I turned to a person who I had reason to believe shared my views on the state of the national economy," Rosolio said. Kotler said he rejected any deals.

Kotler said that a senior Bank Hapoalim official offered him parts of the secret report the bank's legal advisers in the U.S. had prepared for the Securities Exchange Commission on the Levinson affair, if publication were delayed until after the elections. Kotler said he already had the excerpts.

Bank Hapoalim informs U.S.

Ampal-American officers may have traded illegally

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. - A special counsel hired by Bank Hapoalim in New York has informed the U.S. Securities Exchange Commission (SEC) that former bank officers Ya'acov Levinson and Chaim Bergstein may have illegally been involved in "insider trading" in Ampal-American stock.

Levinson and Bergstein, both senior officers in Ampal-American until last year, were accused by the counsel of having traded heavily in the stock without informing the SEC - as required under U.S. law.

The counsel, Gerald Walpin of New York, declined to say exactly how much money was involved in the stock transactions that occurred between 1980 and 1983. He simply said the sums were "substantial."

Walpin said his investigation had found no securities-law violations by Bank Hapoalim.

Under U.S. law, senior officers of corporations or individuals owning at least 5 per cent of the stock must file with the SEC when they buy or sell stock in their companies. Thus, Levinson and Bergstein, although not U.S. citizens, were clearly obligated to disclose such trading.

Levinson, who committed suicide last February, was chairman of the bank until 1981. He later became chairman of Ampal-American, res-

igning in September 1983 for what he said were personal reasons. Bergstein, now believed living in Israel, left Ampal-American last October. Earlier, he also had been a senior officer of Bank Hapoalim.

A spokesman for Ampal-American in New York, Karen Chaikin, said it is still in the midst of its own investigation into the matter. She declined to comment on the Walpin report.

The SEC, following agency policy, refused to say whether it is conducting its own full-scale investigation into the alleged "insider trading" in Ampal-American stocks.

Privately, however, well-placed sources said such an official investigation was probably under way. The fact that Bank Hapoalim had now made available its own in-house report to the SEC seemed to confirm this, they said.

Ampal-American, whose senior officers include many prominent American Jewish leaders and businessmen, is primarily involved in investments in Israel. Its stock is traded on the American Stock Exchange.

Bank Hapoalim issued a press release in New York on Tuesday noting that Levinson and Bergstein had made "substantial open-market and private purchases and sales" of Ampal-American's stocks without informing the SEC.



Rabbi and Mrs. Pinhas Horowitz eat their first joint meal, in private, after their wedding Wednesday night in Rehovot, by which two Hassidic clans were joined. The bride, the former Adel Rosenbaum, 16, is the sister of the Kretschneff Rebbe, whose followers live in Rehovot. The groom, 19, is the son of the Admor of Szatz-Szendeszew, whose clan resides in Brooklyn.

Change in IDF tank officers course

Post Defence Reporter
TEL AVIV. - The Israel Defence Forces has revised the armoured corps officers course to include more lectures and exercises relating to the use of combined forces. It has also introduced a new fire-control system, which is being installed in the Merkava tank.

This emerged in an interview with a senior officer after a graduation ceremony for scores of armoured corps officers at Beit Hahayal in Tel Aviv yesterday.

The officers studied the basics of command and rudimentary tactics used by the various forces, and later went through numerous field exercises.

Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf Moshe Levy stressed the use of the combined forces when he addressed the graduates yesterday.

The head of the Ground Forces Command, Aluf Dan Shomron, and OC Armoured Corps, Tat-Aluf Amos Katz, also attended the ceremony.

Hefetz trial postponed until High Court ruling

PETAH TIKVA (Itim). - The police disciplinary court here yesterday postponed until July 6 the trial of Assistant Commander Assaf Hefetz.

Hefetz's attorney had asked for a postponement until after the High Court of Justice rules on his client's petition against his suspension from the post of commander of the elite Central Unit of the Tel Aviv District Police.

Hefetz was suspended following charges that he leaked information to the press about alleged police mishandling of an attempted attack on Moslem shrines on the Temple Mount.

The High Court is scheduled to deliver its decision on July 5.



Aluf-Mishne (Col.) Yoram Gilboa, 39, has been appointed commander of the Nahal Corps and promoted to the rank of tat-aluf (brig.-gen.), effective today. He replaces Tat-Aluf Amos Eshkol.

ISRAEL FESTIVAL: Super dance

By DORA SOWDEN
Post Dance Critic

Illusion and yet more illusion, produced not so much by stage effect as by the sheer mobility of performance - that is what the Moxim Dance Theatre offered in the Gerard Behar Centre last night.

The rubber-like pliability of limb and body was as gas-making as anything that break or electric or flash kids could show.

The athleticism of the imagery

was a thing in itself, but comparison with Filobolus was inevitable. And where the company was more a group idea, this one depended on individual performance except in the final item, in which a magic lantern made the most astonishing combination of body parts and shadow. Here and everywhere Ashley Roland, Daniel Ezralow, Morleigh Steinberg and Timothy Latta each shone in their own lantern as well as that of the stage.

JEWISH UNDERGROUND

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gaining with the prosecution. Arguments regarding sentencing will be heard before Judge Shalom Brenner in a hearing set for next month.

Zuria, No. 17 on the original list of accused first presented to the court, pleaded guilty to conducting surveillance of the Temple Mount and to having posed as an army officer in order to purchase eight silencers for Uzi submachine guns that were to be used in an attack on the Dome of the Rock.

His father, Haim Zuria of the Shavei Shomron settlement in Samaria is a well-known figure among the settlers and once wrote an article in their bi-monthly magazine *Nekuda* on "our right to hate the Arabs."

Yosef, his son, grew up in Shavei Shomron, and spent some time in Ofra, where it was said he was recruited to help the terrorist organization. He moved to Ramat Hasharon two years ago following his marriage to the daughter of Avner Shalev, a senior Education and Culture Ministry official and a former IDF chief

education officer.

Peli, No. 9 on the original list, is a graduate of Mercat Harav Yeshiva in Jerusalem where the ideological and political leaders of Gush Emunim first taught and studied. He is the son of one of the veterans of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's pre-state Lehi underground. He is also the cousin of Defendant No. 2 on the list, also of Ofra, who is thought to have recruited him.

In addition to his involvement in the plot to destroy the Dome of the Rock, Peli was found guilty of spying on the home of Dr. Ahmed Hamzi Natshe in Bethlehem. Natshe is a member of the PLO's Palestine National Council and was an intended target of the terror group.

He was also found guilty of collecting and transporting old Syrian mines, the explosives of which served to make the bombs that were subsequently planted in five Arab-owned buses in East Jerusalem. It was the attempt to sabotage the buses at the end of last month that led to the cracking of the largest and probably most dangerous Jewish terrorist movement in the history of the state.

WAGE-TALKS

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Meanwhile, Defence Minister Moshe Arens yesterday joined the recent assault by government members on the Histadrut. "I find it difficult to understand what logic, if there is any, lies behind the wild,

exaggerated demands for wage increases," he said. Arens expressed the hope that "commonsense will return to the work committees, who should understand that this way cannot bring about improvement for any of us."

Private sector work agreement negotiations will resume on Monday, when negotiators from the Histadrut and the Coordinating Bureau of Economic Organizations meet in a work and productivity committee.

The Manufacturers Association yesterday released figures showing that real wages rose during the first quarter of this year. Manufacturers Association economists estimated that real wages rose by 5.4 per cent, compared to the last quarter of 1983, and that another rise of some 4 per cent is likely in the second quarter.

Orgad: Economy has been on upswing for months

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - The Israeli economy has been on the road to recovery ever since the collapse of the bank shares last October. Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad said yesterday.

Speaking to a luncheon meeting of the Israel-U.S. Chamber of Commerce at the Dan Hotel, Cohen-Orgad said: "Confirmation of this has come from the most objective source in the world - the international banking community, which has not decreased its credits to Israel since then," he said.

The Finance Minister reiterated that the Histadrut, and the Alignment are "fanning a wave of strikes." The only explanation for their insistence on higher wages without higher output is to embarrass the government on the eve of elections he said.

"And if we give in to these excess-

sive wage demands, the result will be either massive unemployment or a widening in our negative balance of trade."

The government is doing everything possible to expedite recovery he said. Government expenditure fell 4 per cent in the last few months of 1983, and another 13 per cent in the past few months.

Cohen-Orgad accused the "opposition" of deliberately spreading rumours that the Patam (dollar equivalent) accounts are unsafe, to create a feeling of insecurity among the public.

Cohen-Orgad also said yesterday that he intended to maintain pay at 1983 levels.

The Alignment yesterday called on Cohen-Orgad to meet with Likud workers and Likud members of works committees. Then he would find out that the cause of the work disputes is wage erosion, the Alignment said.

Arens: Don't count casualties in Lebanon

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Post Defence Reporter

TEL AVIV. - Defence Minister Moshe Arens said yesterday it was wrong to count the number of casualties suffered in Lebanon when considering the task the Israel Defence Forces was sent to fulfil.

So far, 583 Israelis have been killed there and 3,409 wounded.

The matter came up when Arens addressed an Insurance Forum luncheon here. He said it has been more than two years "since a man, woman or child was hit in the Galilee. For more than two years life in Galilee has been going on above ground," he added.

"How many soldiers have been killed?" several listeners called out.

Arens said one could count the number of soldiers killed since the state was established - in the War of Independence, the Sinai Campaign of 1956, the Six Day War, the War of Attrition and the Yom Kippur War.

Turning to the Lebanon war he said there is "no answer" to the question whether the results justify the sacrifices made. "One soldier who falls is one too many," he stated.

But he went on to argue that if Israel is not prepared to launch a campaign, "we assume the risk that we will lose everything."

Tehiya claims support in bid to ban PPL

Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. - Tehiya Knesset Member Gula Cohen yesterday said her party's request to outlaw the Jewish-Arab Progressive Peace List (PPL) has gained the support of the Likud and Tami. She said both parties have promised that their representatives on the Central Elections Committee will vote against allowing the new list to run in the elections.

Cohen has demanded information on the PPL from Defence Minister Moshe Arens, who last week said the new party includes "subversive elements." Arens refused to outlaw the party.

In another matter, Tehiya yesterday filed a police complaint after PPL members had defaced posters put up outside its Rehov Gula headquarters were torn down or defaced.

The PPL yesterday wired the Socialist International with an urgent appeal to intervene on its behalf and to encourage the Alignment to support its bid in the Central Elections Committee to run in the elections.

Ben-Porath lashes out at "mediocre parties"

TEL AVIV (Itim). - "Mediocrity rules in the major parties," Knesset Member Mordechai Ben-Porath said in a statement released by the spokesman for Hithadshut (Renewal) last week. Persons with a great potential cannot find a place in these lists because they are not party functionaries. "Persons like Ezer Weizman, Lova Eliav and myself are not on those lists, because party bureaucrats pick the candidates."

One killed, five injured in Negev van collision

BEERSHEBA (Itim). - One man was killed and five persons were seriously injured yesterday afternoon when two vans travelling near Ofakim collided head on.

The dead man was identified as Yosef Ashur, 72, of Moshav Mivtachim in the western Negev. The vans - one military and one civilian - collided after one of them swerved from its lane and into the path of the other. The police are investigating.

HELICOPTERS. - A new helicopter landing pad is to go into service this morning at Kaplan Hospital in Rehovot.

In deep sorrow we announce the passing of our beloved father, grandfather and great-grandfather

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Professor MOSHE HELD

Distinguished scholar of Bible and Semitic Languages

In deep sorrow we announce the passing, in Johannesburg, of our beloved mother and grandmother

RITA HELLMANN

Stephen Hellmann and family

Kibbutz Tzora



Before they ended their hunger strike yesterday afternoon after Deputy Prime Minister David Levy agreed to meet them, pupils of the Yod Gimmel (religious) high school in Tel Aviv's Hatikva Quarter sit outside Likud headquarters, Metsudat Ze'ev, where they were fasting. They object to a plan to have pupils in their high school attend the Zeitlin school in North Tel Aviv in order to achieve social integration. Their signs read: "The Likud is destroying education in the (poor) neighbourhoods" (left) and "We are on hunger strike."

(Andre Brummann)

Police seek Holon girl

HOLON (Itim). - The police are looking for 16-year-old Ilana Turge-man, of Holon, who is missing after leaving her home on Tuesday afternoon and has not been seen since. She is 165 centimetres tall, with short hair, medium build and swarthy complexion.

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Mr. and Mrs. George B. Falk

70 Chinese said killed in fighting with Vietnam

TOKYO (AP). — Vietnamese troops killed 70 Chinese soldiers and captured several others in three days of border clashes. Radio Hanoi reported yesterday.

The broadcast, monitored in Tokyo, said Chinese troops had shelled Vixuyen in Hatuyen Province on Monday and Tuesday with more than 5,000 mortar rounds and caused many casualties. No figures were given.

The report also said Vietnamese troops in Vixuyen recaptured three strategic positions, about three kilometres inside Vietnam, which had been taken by the Chinese troops earlier.

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London Sikhs set up 'Republic of Khalistan'

LONDON (AP). — Sikhs living in Britain proclaimed a "government in exile" Wednesday to promote their bid for an independent homeland consisting largely of the north-west Indian state of Punjab.

Jagjit Singh Chohan, a former Punjab minister, was designated president of the "Republic of Khalistan" by his supporters. He announced that a dilapidated house on a drab side-street in West London would be the "embassy" of his unrecognized nation and issued "symbolic" money and passports.

He said the Sikh nation would have revenge against Prime Minister Indira Gandhi of India for her government's attack on the Sikh's sacred temple at Amritsar last week.

He said Sikhs would not commit violence in Britain in the name of their cause.

Gandhi ordered the military assault on the temple in an attempt to stop a violent campaign waged by

Sikh militants seeking greater political and religious freedom.

"She has gone mad, the lady has gone mad," Jagjit Singh told a press conference at his "embassy."

"There will be further massacres unless she is bridled."

Twenty-dollar bills — headed "Bank of Khalistan" and printed without a watermark — were shown to correspondents along with a few crude passports. Jagjit Singh said no government recognized the "symbolic" pieces of paper.

He also announced the appointment of six cabinet ministers in exile, for defence, commerce, industry, trade, education, and sports.

"Our first job," said Jagjit Singh, "will be to send money to take care of Sikh widows and orphans, the victims of Gandhi bullets."

In Punjab, about 50 more Sikh soldiers revolted yesterday, military sources said.

The new rebellion broke out a day after Gandhi assured that the Sikh

unrest in the military caused by the army assault on the Golden Temple was "fully under control."

The military sources said the 50 soldiers from the Sikh light-infantry division in Amritsar refused to obey orders from officers and were disarmed and arrested.

Military sources said about 5,000 Sikh soldiers had deserted in nine different states, including Punjab, during the past few days.

At least 102 deserters were killed in clashes with military and police and 600 were arrested, the sources said.

Military sources also said that troops have killed 76 Sikh militants in a week-long operation to stem terrorism in Punjab. The deaths occurred in the towns of Chowk Mehta, Moga, and Bhatinda.

Army troops have been deployed in the towns for a week searching for Sikh extremists and weapons. (AP, Reuters)

Two die in blast at munitions plant in northern Cairo

CAIRO (AP). — A huge explosion at a military munitions plant rocked Cairo's northeastern districts yesterday, killing two persons and injuring 87 factory workers and residents of a poor neighbourhood, official sources and witnesses said.

The state-owned Middle East News Agency, in what appeared like an official handout, said it was accidental.

The agency said the blast killed one plant worker and injured 50 workers, all of whom were administered first aid and returned to their homes.

A 12-year-old boy was also killed and 27 other residents of "Dream City," a new housing development in the vicinity of the plant, were injured, sources said.

The force of the blast caused the collapse of the roof of a small, private-owned chemicals factory in the neighbourhood.

The explosion blew out window shutters and the walls of some houses, shattered glass panes and dented the steel shutters of shops over a radius of several kilometres. Residents in most parts of Cairo heard the blast.

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UK Parliament votes for big change in divorce laws

LONDON (AP). — In a major shake-up of British divorce laws, House of Commons legislators voted yesterday to let couples start divorce proceedings after only a year of marriage instead of three, as in most cases at present.

The controversial Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Bill — approved 119-16 in a pre-dawn vote and now scheduled to become law this autumn — also limits the alimony rights of ex-wives.

The bill has been bitterly attacked by church leaders, who say that making divorce easier will further weaken the institution of marriage in Britain.

A government-funded report by the Family Policies Studies Centre last November said the country already shares with Denmark the highest divorce rate in West Europe, with 12 in every 1,000 existing couples divorcing each year. It said if the present rate continues, one in every three existing married partners in Britain will be divorced in his or her lifetime.

Because of the controversy over the bill, party floor managers agreed to allow legislators to decide according to their consciences in a free, non-party vote.

Under current legislation, there generally is a three-year wait before divorce proceedings can be started, although couples who plead special circumstances have sometimes been able to obtain an early divorce.

Under the bill, couples will have to wait at least a year to begin divorce proceedings.

The bill, written by Prime Minister Thatcher's Conservative government, also allows for a clean break after divorce where both former partners are financially self-sufficient. In such cases, the present power of courts to order men to make financial provision for their ex-wives will be abolished.

But the bill increases the responsibility of courts to ensure the financial security of children after their parents' divorce.

Falklanders mark second year since ouster of Argentinians

STANLEY, Falkland Islands (AP). — Backed by Britain's refusal to negotiate sovereignty of the Falkland Islands with Argentina, the tiny British population of the islands yesterday marked the second anniversary of the Argentine surrender.

It was "Liberation Day" for Falklanders, who are now outnumbered about 4-1 by British troops and construction workers building a £215 million airport in line with the British government's policy of "Fortress Falklands."

Problems still abound in the islands. Income is heavily dependent on wool revenue — the 1,800 islanders keep 650,000 sheep — and prices have been stagnant while production costs rise.

A shortage of labour means that only half of the 54 newly built homes can be occupied because no one is available to install water, electricity and sewerage lines.

Some roads that were repaired recently are disintegrating again under heavy military and construction traffic.

The Argentine forces' surrender on June 14, 1982, brought an end to the 74-day war that started with the Argentine invasion. Argentina calls the islands Las Malvinas and claims them as its own, and continues to insist that Britain should negotiate on sovereignty.

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Sports

Israel takes 2-0 lead in Davis Cup

Post Sports Staff

Superlative performances by Shlomo Glickstein and Shahar Perkis lifted Israeli tennis on to a new high yesterday, when they established what should be an invincible 2-0 lead over Poland in the Davis Cup European Zone A second-round tie, played at Jerusalem's Israel Tennis Centre.

Glickstein literally floated as he made his imperious way to a straight-set victory — 6-4, 6-2, 6-2 — over the Polish champion, Wojtek Fibak. Shahar Perkis overwhelmed the Polish No. 2, Waldemar Rogowski, 6-1, 6-2, 6-1.

Israel only has to win the doubles this afternoon at 2 o'clock, or one of the reverse singles matches tomorrow at 1 p.m., to go through to the third round against Switzerland.

President Chaim Herzog and Mayor Teddy Kollek will be the guests of honour at the opening ceremony today.

There was a gala atmosphere at the Jerusalem ITC as 1,200 spectators, including President Herzog and his wife Aura, were thrilled by the introduction of international sport to the capital for the first time.

The tussle between Fibak and Glickstein was an absorbing one. Until 4-4 they were producing very similar tennis of the highest calibre.

It was then that Glickstein, serving with new balls, suddenly seemed to inject a new venom into his service to take the lead at 5-4. Then he broke Fibak to win the set 6-4.

The crisis of the match came in the second set, when the score was 2-2, with Glickstein 15-40 down on his service. But he bounced back to bring the score to deuce, survived two more break points, and went on to clinch the game. Fibak seemed to wilt, Glickstein spotted that his opponent had lost some of the zest in his play, and went on to take complete control. From then on he never looked back.

Despite being bewitched, bothered and bewildered by Glickstein's assault, Fibak displayed a cheerful sense of humour and a sporting disposition. He clowned with a ball-boy and, when he finally won a point after losing a string of points, he raised his arms in exultation.

Rogowski made the tactical error of trying to wear Perkis down by trading top spin backhands from the baseline with him. Perkis not only won these duels, but he was almost always successful when he made aggressive forays to the net.

Fibak told the Jerusalem Post: "It was really tough and go until the middle of the second set, but, in the end, I was beaten by a better player on the day, and I have no excuses. Shlomo just went from strength to strength. He was playing dream tennis in the

MICHAEL HURVITZ is like the little boy who cried wolf. In his case, though, some people are beginning to listen to his warning cries about the state of the economy.

Hurvitz, who was the Likud's second finance minister (1980-81), compares the stewardship of the nation's economy to a car careering towards disaster with only back-seat drivers in control — and then only worried about the paint being scratched.

The former minister, whose gruff manner endeared him to some and irritated many others, believes his new party, Ometz (Courage), will attract sufficient voters to enable him to return to the Knesset and continue his "crusade for economic sanity."

Hurvitz's campaign office must be the only one that is literally underground. Indeed, just finding the place — somewhere on the first lower level of the underground parking lot of the Shalom Tower — is quite a feat of detection.

I assume that there must be some kind of connection between the lease of these premises and the fact that the property belongs to the Mayer family, the in-laws of Hurvitz's long-time political partner, Zalman Shoval.

The two have been through the political mill together since the early days of Rafi in the mid-60s. They stayed with David Ben-Gurion in the State List when the Rafi majority followed the late Moshe Dayan and Shimon Peres into the Labour Party.

And they stayed together even after the Old Man withdrew from politics, disagreeing with his call to return the West Bank and Sinai for real peace.

Then they found themselves part of the Likud: indeed, Hurvitz was one of four signatories of the original Likud covenant, together with Menachem Begin, the Liberals' Dr. Elimelech Rimalt and the Free List's Shmuel Tamir. He was No. 3 on the Likud list to the Eighth Knesset, and received a high place on its list for the ninth Knesset.

But in 1981 he decided to follow his cousin Moshe Dayan onto the Telem list, which scraped into the Tenth Knesset with just two seats (Dayan and Mordechai Ben-Porat). Hurvitz took his seat on Dayan's death.

This term, he let Ben-Porat join the Likud coalition as a minister-without-portfolio, supporting it from the plenum on political grounds, if not on what he regards as its pursuit of disastrous economic policies. He considers that his successor at the Treasury, Herut boss Yoram Aridor, was a calamity, but he holds the current finance minister, Yigal Cohen-Orgad, in higher esteem.

POLITICAL GOSSIP in Herut circles has it that Hurvitz could easily have been fitted into the Likud team, but that his refusal to dump Shoval ended his chances. Considering the tight fit of the Herut quota in the Likud slate, however, it sounds somewhat far-fetched.

Hurvitz himself has another explanation for why he decided not to join the Likud list, disclosing that among those who had asked him to stay had been Menachem Begin.

Hurvitz dwelt on his profound dissatisfaction with the Likud's economic stewardship: "I quit although I consider it's the most important post, to sit close to the country's financial tap."

He speaks with pride of his record at the Treasury, noting that although the cost of meat and grain rose during his 18 months in office, the trade deficit fell by 40 per cent; while the Bank of Israel predicted an imbalance of \$3.6b, the actual deficit was \$2.84b. Exports rose by 30 per cent, and inflation was kept at 130 per cent, a figure that multiplied under Aridor.

He believes Cohen-Orgad has been thinking along the right lines: "But they don't let him do as he thinks fit. He may have the right ideas, but he'll abandon them as a loyal member of Herut. His experiment has failed, but he won't draw the necessary personal conclusions, like his director-general and advisor, out of his instinctive sense of party discipline."

IN HURVITZ'S view, Cohen-Orgad's bid to apply economic rationality was doomed because of Herut's domination by the faction led by Deputy Premier David Levy and Yoram Aridor, which "waves the banner of maximum spending without calculating the cost to the national treasury."

This ascendancy in Herut of rabid populism is more than the former minister can stomach. There are other reasons, on which he does not elaborate, that persuaded him not to run with the Likud this time. But mention of economic policy trends since he left the Treasury rouses him: "The state of the economy has deteriorated in recent years and the bill for the mad feast of these three gluttonous years will soon have to be paid by us all."

He speaks in terms of a looming catastrophe as a result of the Aridor years: "They sought to keep the dollar rate of exchange artificially low; they adopted an ostrich-like policy towards the real value of the shekel; they propped up the stock market against all logic until reality came knocking and the result was the collapse of the shares, especially those of the banks."

The Jerusalem Post Political Correspondent Mark Segal talks to former finance minister Yigael Hurvitz (below), who is now heading the Ometz list.

Crusade for sanity



This litany of Likud sins against economic reality includes the latest round of election economics and the unrealistically cheap cost of basic products.

But, warns Hurvitz: "Soon everything will have to come down to concrete reality. The next finance minister will have to mobilize the funds to pay the price of this long orgy."

THERE IS MUCH of the Calvinist preacher in Hurvitz's economic hell-fire imprecations against the sinners of the easy-spending school. He probably imbibed part of his puritanism from his early years in the first moshav, Nahalal, as a younger member of the Dayan clan, overshadowed by the aura of the family's most famous son — and his most unpuritan cousin — Moshe Dayan.

Obligated under moshav rules to seek his farmstead elsewhere, Hurvitz left his older brother, Amos Hadar, behind and moved from the Emek to the south. He married a daughter of the veteran moshav Beer-Tuvia and settled in the adjoining Kfar Warburg. Today, his younger son runs the farm, while his two older boys have branched out into big business both in Israel and abroad.

In the past, the clan was in the forefront of national politics; today, Hurvitz's brother Amos is out of active party work as general secretary of the moshav movement, leaving Hurvitz as an independent candidate for the Knesset elections. His niece, Yael Dayan-Siyon is in a non-safe place on the Labour list, and her mother, Ruth Dayan, is among the closing names on the CRM slate.

RELATED TO his favourite theme — the economy — is Hurvitz's advocacy of a grand coalition of Labour and the Likud, which would not be subject to the financial demands of smaller coalition parties and would be sufficiently powerful to adopt the necessary economic reforms.

At present he is angry that both of the major blocs are tabling such election legislation as the Likud's demobilized soldiers' benefits and Labour's free education for infants. He also frowns on proposals for tax deductions for one-parent families.

Hurvitz deprecates Shimon Peres' advocacy of free education for all from creche to university — "They talk of improving the citizens' lot, but they worsen that of the state," he growls. "They want to milk an aging cow with ultra-modern dairy equipment."

Hurvitz speaks of the need "to be responsible, even if it entails being unpopular. The country can only give of what it has. We must learn to live within our means." But the hawk who quit his first ministry as an expression of opposition to the peace treaty with Egypt, does not include spending millions on Gush Emunim settlements under the heading of "overspending our national overdraft." Ideology, it appears, overcomes economic reality in this case.

BUT NOT ALL is darkness on Hurvitz's horizon. He waxes lyrical about the great potential of Jewish brain-power as demonstrated by the advance of the high-tech industry in Israel. Therein, he believes, lies the future of Israel and its drive to economic recovery.

He declares that there is basically no need for pessimism about the country's economic future, for the potential exists and the motivation, albeit latent, is there, waiting for the right kind of economic leadership to offer guidance: "Our political leaders have inherited the mentality of living off *halukka* (charity from the Diaspora), just like in the days of the old yishuv. Only the dress has changed."

He believes the solution is to be found in having sufficient courage to tell people the truth. And he believes that this is why his list has a chance. Indeed, the reactions of audiences to his warnings have been encouraging, and he believes there has been an awakening since the 1981 spending spree. "People now realize that it was all an illusion — and one that could have tragic results. They know we are living beyond our collective means."

The outcome of the Likud's economic mismanagement has been to deplete Israel's credit resources at

home and abroad. The country is now faced with an increasingly heavy burden of interest repayments on overseas loans. If, in the days at the Treasury of the late Levi Eshkol, Pinhas Sapir and Yehoshua Rabinowitz, Israel borrowed money for 20 years, by the time Hurvitz took over he was obliged to seek two-year loans, and at the moment the Bank of Israel is selling month-long debentures.

Turning to the resignation of Dr. Emanuel Sharon as director-general of the Finance Ministry, Hurvitz contends that he most probably took too seriously the promise of the government and Cohen-Orgad that there would be no election economics and that they would keep to their declared policy: "Sharon is an independent professional and he probably couldn't take it. Now, of course, they've found a new director-general whose main qualifications are his unwavering party loyalties. He will most certainly carry out the party dictates unhesitatingly and unwaveringly."

I CHALLENGE Hurvitz with criticism that he had lost a fine opportunity of a broader economic reform when switching from the lira to the shekel. He explains: "I was only implementing a decision taken before my time by Begin and my predecessor, the late Simha Ehrlich... Anyway, it's immaterial whether you call a currency shekel or Alexander — what matters is what's behind it, and whether it's the symbol of a healthy and stable economy."

I point out that many pundits maintain that it was his resignation and Aridor's accession that saved the Likud from electoral defeat in 1981. Says Hurvitz: "I was horrified by one of the Likud's TV election spots. It showed Aridor chatting with people in a supermarket. When a woman shopper asked him, 'Is this election economics?' he replied, triumphantly: 'No, we'll continue with this policy because it's the correct economics.'"

"Maybe at the time the public wanted to be deluded, but the painful awakening has come. I'll tell you that I intend in these elections to tell the public the harsh facts of life. The electorate has to make its choice — illusions or the truth."

That is why a grand coalition is so urgently needed to rescue the economy. And for Hurvitz, this is the issue.

"I hope and pray I get sufficient votes to accord me enough influence to pull the big blocs together. We won't be an Aguda or Tami which serve special interests. All I aim to do is to force both the Likud and Labour to sit down together in order to save the economy."

HURVITZ'S Ometz list has retained the services of the Arfeli advertising agency to conduct its campaign and produce election spots for its quota of 16 minutes' TV time. He acknowledges that he was the only candidate whose prime slogan was to ask for sufficient votes to become finance minister once again. He bases this appeal on the constancy of support for him in opinion polls dating back to his old job.

As to his aim of seeking a grand coalition, I wonder how he will find common ground between such diametrically opposed political blocs. How can he expect the Likud to sit down with those it accuses of being too unpatriotic to belong to "the national camp?"

But Hurvitz is sufficiently optimistic to believe that a basic understanding can be reached on the common political denominator for the sake of economic reform.

"Take the two supposedly most divisive issues — Lebanon and settlement policy. I have followed the leading spokesmen of both parties in the discussions of the Knesset foreign affairs and defence committee. Both parties wish to pull our boys out of Lebanon as soon as possible, predicated on security arrangements along the border."

"As you know, I have always been for settlement in all parts of Eretz Yisrael, but even I am convinced that all debate on the future shape of our borders is irrelevant if our economic situation gets worse. I'm ready to accept Labour's Allon Plan and have a broad coalition government follow its guidelines of only planting outposts outside the populated Arab centres of Judea and Samaria."

"Even in this case, we'll have to cut the budget along with reductions in spending on defence, settlements, education, health and social welfare."

"I regard myself as belonging to the national-liberal camp, which is also the camp of reasonable and responsible people."

Above all, Yigael Hurvitz fears that the deteriorating economy would curtail Israel's independence of action. He feels that the reportedly stern warning given to Defence Minister Moshe Arens by U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz about future American aid should cause all the alarm bells to ring.

"The Americans have been over-generous. And after the November presidential elections, when the Americans will want to get their way, our economic weakness and dependence on Washington will make it that much more difficult to say No."

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Take Yehoram Gaon, who has been courted by both parties, Yitzhak Navon, whose family has been close to the Gaon clan, is said to have been trying to convince the popular singing star to appear in Labour's adverts. Gaon reportedly has been agonizing over the offers, recalling that Zvika Plik encountered substantial audience hostility after he appeared for Tehiya in the 1981 race. According to my sources, Gaon has agreed to appear for either party, if he is paid about \$250,000, in advance.

But that's peanuts compared to the sum allegedly requested by Hagashash Hahiver trio members Shaike Levy, Gavri Bani and Poli Poliakov to abandon their long-time Likud alliance and appear for the Alignment. I've been told that they requested a flat \$500,000 as "consolidation money." That will certainly buy a whole lot of conscience, won't it?

From Metzudat Ze'ev comes the news that TV and stage comedian Sefi Rivlin, approached to repeat his 1977 and 1981 role as the Likud's TV anchorman, mentioned the sum of \$300,000 as his price for one month's work. Faced with an astonished response, Rivlin reportedly backed down to a mere \$200,000.

BUT NOT EVERYONE is looking for big bucks. The most astute comment probably came from funnyman Shlomo Nitzan, who sets the country laughing with his Friday night monologues on Meir Shalev's *Good Hour* TV programme.

Nitzan said he had been approached by the Big Two, but "turned them both down. It's a tiny country with bitter political polarization. It's really silly of any party to have an entertainer introduce their TV spots. To me, at least, it seems neither serious nor credible."

And some showbiz personalities will be working for free. Celebrities like Hanna Marron have volunteered to appear for Labour, while the Likud will have the services of veteran Habimah actor Avraham Ronai, No. 94 on its list.

WHILE LIKUD election organizer

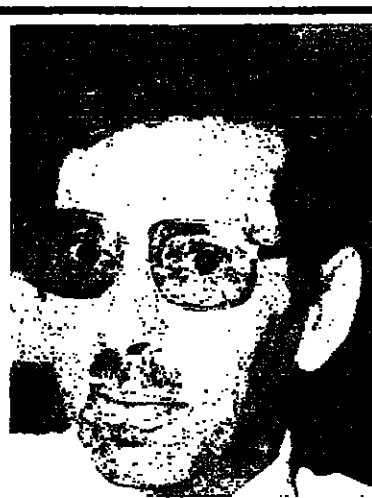
Micha Reiser bemoans the general reluctance of show people, artists and writers, to work for his party, two well-known Sephardi literary personalities have joined other parties' electoral machines. Syrian-born Amnon Shamouh (*Michal Ezra Saffra and Sons*) will travel from his Ma'ayan Baruch kibbutz home to speak for Labour, while Moroccan-born poet Erez Biton will join musician Shlomo Bar and his Breira Tivit group in appearances for Tami.

Big names chasing big bucks

PUBLIC FACES / Mark Segal



Yehoram Gaon



Yehuda Blum



Zalman Shoval



Yitzhak Zamir



Moshe Shahal

THERE WILL ALSO be politicians in the adverts. The Likud's high command has already formulated a "short list" of its top men - including Moshe Arens, MKs Meir Shitrit, Eliahu Ben-Elissar and Moshe Katav, and former government secretary Dan Meridor - to be TV personalities. Labour is much more secretive, although it seems certain that we'll be seeing a lot of Yitzhak Navon on our little screens when the TV carnival starts in nine days.

INTRIGUES AROUND at both campaign HQs. Only difference seems to be that the Likud's invariably spill over into the media. We've just heard about the envious noises emanating from campaign information higher-ups Ronnie Milo and Ehad Olmert, after Gideon Gadot and Rolf's Israel Ringel succeeded in obtaining the latest in video equipment for their TV publicity effort. Gadot's associates see the hands of Milo and Olmert in recently published criticism of the party's propaganda strategy.

GENEROSITY? Moshe Shahal, the Labour information chief, was discussing plans for the "great debate" between Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Labour leader Shimon Peres, when he unexpectedly made an "offer" to the Likud. His party, said Shahal, would be happy to give some of its 300 minutes of TV time to the Likud, to air debates between such often-colliding Likudniks as Arieh Sharon and Yitzhak Shamir. Other possible "debate" combinations, according to Shahal, could include Sharon-Arens; Yoram Aridor-Yigal Cohen-Orgad; and Aridor-Yitzhak Moda'i.

Meanwhile, some Labour people

are criticising Shahal and party campaign chief Mordechai (Motta) Gur for their low-key response to the Likud's gung-ho ("We are the

national camp") advertising offensive.

THE LIKUD has been open about its "dirty tricks department," headed by Herut MK Michael Kleiner, and including Gideon Sitterman (Herut) and Amnon Menda and Haim Perlik (Liberals). Their first open action was parading outside Labour's headquarters on Rehov Hayarkon in Tel Aviv with a placard asking: "Where are you hiding Yossi Sarid?" The quick-on-the-trigger Labour maverick did not hesitate to reply: "Have they already unearthed Menachem Begin, so that they're looking for me?"

DISCORD DEPT. After a Likud leaflet signed by Israel Composers Union chairman Ami Ma'ayani was distributed at the Tel Aviv anniversary concert in Rabinovitch Park, a number of composers - including Zvi Avid, Benjamin Bar-Am, Menahem Avidon, Arthur Gelbrun and Sergiu Natra - issued a sharply-worded protest. Their organization, the protesters said, had always been totally apolitical, and should not be involved in the election.

WHEN ARENS, Peres and Yigael

Hurvitz appeared at the Moshe Dayan social and political debating forum, chairman Zalman Shoval got the first two on the defensive by hoping this was the harbinger of a grand coalition. Shoval recalled Dayan's fear that a war in Lebanon might "show up America as a paper tiger," bringing Peres to quip: "I wish we had that quantity of American paper." Hurvitz had the last word - "If we did, the Likud would use it to print money."

AS IS CUSTOMARY, even in an election campaign, UN Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar's itinerary in Israel this week included a meeting with the leader of the Labour opposition, Shimon Peres. Perez de Cuellar is said to have looked forward to the meeting to hear the views of the non-government side, freely and informally expressed.

As the two got set for their *de-lite* in the secretary-general's suite at the King David Hotel, in barged Israel's ambassador to the UN, Dr. Yehuda Blum.

Peres and Perez de Cuellar were described as dumbfounded by Blum's gauche intrusion. But, in

gentlemanly fashion, they simply swallowed hard and reconciled themselves to the presence of their unwanted guest.

Blum has apparently never heard that three's a crowd, unless, of course, he was sent by his bosses. But that is not thought to be Mr. Shamir's way.

ENVOY DEPT. The U.S. election campaign went overseas this week, with both President Ronald Reagan and his probable Democratic opponent, Walter Mondale, sending special emissaries to congratulate the Belzer Rebbe, Rabbi Issachar Dov Rokeah, on the cornerstone-laying of his \$12 million synagogue in Jerusalem this week. Reagan's greetings were conveyed by Douglas Riggs, special assistant in the White House's public liaison office; Rep. Stephen Solarz, a New York Democrat, brought the Mondale message.

The visit of so many Hassidim put a special strain on the Jerusalem Hilton, but manager Dan Barkai and his staff apparently were equal to the challenge. The Belz delegation took over three floors - and 80 rooms - of the five-star hostelry, bringing their

own kosher supervisor as well. (The Hilton's staff *maschiach* is a Gur Hassid.)

The entire kitchen was *kashered* anew, and new china and silverware were brought out of storage for the visit. But the greatest test for the staff, especially executive chef Avi Bruch and assistant catering manager Benjamin Hansen, came at the gala banquet, for which a *mehitza* was erected to keep men and women separate in the Grand Ballroom. The Belz group brought their own wine, to go with a menu dictated by the rebbe himself - Waldorf salad in melon, mushroom soup, sebac, with vanilla ice cream and apple strudel for dessert.

The entire extravaganza, I've been informed, was an exercise in Hassidic one-upmanship. According to my sources, the Belzer Rebbe wanted to out-do his father-in-law, Vishnitzer Rebbe Moshe Hager, who six months ago inaugurated a \$10 million synagogue in Bnei Brak.

LATIN AMERICAN envoys were the guests of Mexican Ambassador Raul Valdes Aguilar at this week's Tel Aviv opening of the Hilton's

Mexican Festival. Other guests included such prominent former Mexican Israelis as Jewish Agency World Zionist Organization chairman Arye Dulzin.

As it had in Jerusalem a week earlier, the Ballet Gran Folklorico Mexico provided a rousing show. But aficionados of Mexican cuisine inform me that the dinner menu seemed to have suffered on the trip down from the capital.

JERUSALEM District Court Judge Ya'acov Bazak, who will preside over the trial of the 25 defendants in the Jewish terror underground case, has sons living in Judea and Samaria settlements, and has published studies on Jewish law, under the imprint of Mercaz Harav, the fountain of Gush Emunim ideology. An extensive report on the judge's background, in last week's issue of *Koteret Rashit*, is believed to have been behind the warning by Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir to the press this week. The Zamir message, which incidentally was handed to reporters covering the trial, advises newsmen that it is against the law to publish, *inter alia*, "analysis or conjectures regarding the disposition of the judges." Violators, Zamir said, would be subject to criminal prosecution, which could lead to imprisonment of up to one year or a fine of up to IS400,000.

ONE OF THE earliest studies on Gush Emunim was done by David Neuman, now a lecturer in political geography at Tel Aviv University. The English-born academic's thesis on West Bank settlement was submitted to the pro-Arab Middle East centre at the University of Durham, England, in 1981. Neuman's book *Gush Emunim: Political Inspiration and Settlement Objectives*, is due to be published soon.

WE'VE LEARNED that President Chaim Herzog will be visiting Ireland, the land of his birth, next year. The invitation will be formally extended this autumn, when a senior Dublin politician visits Israel. Herzog was informed of the Dublin government's decision by outgoing non-resident Irish Ambassador Sean Ronan, who came to Israel from Athens this week for a visit winding up his five-year tour of duty.

HIPPY HAPPY

By BARBARA SOFER/Special to The Jerusalem Post

Today, more than 13,000 disadvantaged families in Israel participate. Last year, representatives from 15 Western and developing countries met in Israel with an eye to taking Hippy back to their disadvantaged populations. Over the years, educators abroad have borrowed ideas from Hippy, but Turkey is the first country outside Israel to use the total Hippy programme.

"I think we are doing well for beginners," says Malta, who visited Hippy centres in Israel. "We have a long way to go to reach the stage of Hippy in Israel, but we are on the right track."

Indeed, Lombard, who visited Istanbul recently, said she was reminded of the Hatikva quarter when she started with Hippy 15 years ago. "The children even have a familiar look," she says.

THE WOMEN in the Eczacibasi factory are among about 100 women taking part in the first phase of the programme, which involves both women who work outside the home and those who do not.

The Eczacibasi factory management allows women time off from the assembly line for the bi-weekly Hippy meetings, where Malta leads group discussions on topics related to childrearing: child development, eating habits, creative play activities and birth control.

Then the women break into groups and go over the worksheets

with para-professional aides, peer-leaders with no more than five years of formal education themselves. The aides are coached a week ahead of time by Malta, who receives her instruction from a coordinator at Bogazici University in Istanbul. The coordinator phones Jerusalem to report on progress and problems.

"The women themselves are getting a boost," says Malta. "Several of our women are illiterate or near illiterate. Now they are learning to read well as they read to their children."

FOLLOWING THE Hippy structure, the mothers spend 15 minutes a day, five days a week, reading the Hippy books and doing learning exercises with their children, aged four to six.

"That might not seem like a lot, but after 10 hours in a factory, cooking and cleaning, even 15 minutes is a big accomplishment," says Malta.

On alternate weeks the Hippy para-professional aides visit participating families to monitor their progress.

"In Israel, where Hippy is set up on a neighbourhood basis, making home visits is relatively easy. But factory workers do not necessarily live in the same part of Istanbul, which is a very big city. The aides must travel from one end of town to the other to make home visits. This creates considerable disturbance in their own family lives."

"We have a different problem with the non-employed mothers in the programme. Several women have had to drop out because their husbands objected to them going to anything as formal sounding as Hippy. They saw it as a threat to their authority. In Turkey, a husband can forbid his wife to attend."

"Nevertheless, we see these as technical difficulties and are determined to overcome them," says Malta.

THE HIPPY materials needed little adaptation for use in Turkey, says Malta. One of the Hippy characters, Tali, was renamed Suna, shekels became lira and illustrations that showed Hebrew handwriting on the blackboard were changed to Turkish.

Malta is making a full report of the Turkish experience at the Hippy workshop. Most of the representatives will begin Hippy in their own communities in the near future.

Workshop activities include site visits to the Gilo, Kiryat Yovel and Patai neighbourhoods of Jerusalem, to Holon and to the Hatikva Quarter in Tel Aviv to observe mothers with

children, aides with mothers and new coordinators being trained.

A highlight of the workshop is the recent completion of Hippy's own series of educational storybooks, edited by Mira Harel. Nine books were produced especially for Hippy with seven scheduled for next year. The books have been translated into English and Turkish. They incorporate many essential concepts and stories about sound growing-up habits, road safety. So far, they are available only to Hippy participants and not to the general public.

THE HIPPY worksheets are produced on inexpensive coloured paper and stapled together at the Hebrew University. One of the features of the programme that has attracted so much Third World attention is its low cost. No hardware more sophisticated than a copying machine is necessary. Hippy also relies on relatively low-paid personnel for the broadest level of operation. The para-professional aides are paid only for work actually accomplished. Also, Hippy is a successful model of cooperation among university, government, funding agencies and community.

The Hippy programme in Turkey is currently being funded by a Canadian agency, and Malta says she hopes it will win government support, as it has in Israel.

"I like to think of the day when there will be Hippy for children all over Turkey," she says.

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WOOLING THE JEWISH VOTE

By WOLF BLITZER / Post Washington Correspondent

THE CHAIRMAN of the Democratic Party, Charles T. Manatt, is taking the offensive in seeking continued Jewish support for his fellow Democrats this year, whether they're running for the White House, the Senate, the House of Representatives or any of the myriad of state and local contests around the country.

Over the past 50 years, the Jewish community has consistently voted in greater numbers for the Democrats. As opposed to the Republicans. But most political experts agree that the trend in recent years has been towards a more balanced split between the two major parties.

Manatt and his party's most influential leaders are the first to recognize that the elevation of the Rev. Jesse Jackson within the hierarchy of the Democratic Party this year could seriously affect the traditional alliance between Jews and Democrats.

They fear that the greater Jackson's role in the party during and after the national convention in San Francisco in July, the more likely that many American Jews will turn to the Republican camp.

Jackson, of course, is widely disliked in the Jewish community because of his many critical comments about Israel and his off-color remarks about Jews in general — the highly-publicized matter of "Fimies" being only one of many over the years, as documented in a just-released report by the B'nai

B'rith Anti-Defamation League.

MANATT, during an interview with *The Jerusalem Post*, was clearly sensitive to these disturbing developments. But he sought to put his party's best face forward, insisting that Jackson is unlikely to make a major push at the convention to change the party's traditionally pro-Israel plank. Instead, Manatt said, Jackson and his people are more interested in the domestic bread-and-butter issues facing the Black community.

Manatt, a Los Angeles attorney who is not Jewish but has several Jewish partners in his law firm, cited such issues as job training, nutrition and civil rights. Jackson, he predicted, is not going to make a major initiative to revise the party's stance on the Middle East.

Manatt is in a tough and unenviable position himself. He can't totally distance himself from Jackson since the Black community is a very important pillar of the Democratic Party. Jackson, in recent months, has emerged as the major Black leader in the country.

Manatt is also very much aware of the fact that the only way that the Democratic presidential nominee — presumably Walter Mondale — will be able to capture the White House

in November from President Reagan, will be if the Blacks come out in massive numbers to vote. That, in turn, will require a tremendous push, especially from Jackson.

So Manatt has to walk a thin line — maintaining his cordial ties with Jackson, while at the same time reaching out to the Jewish community, another important and influential constituent of the party.

IN SEEKING to reassure the Jews, Manatt was quite outspoken in blasting the Reagan administration's record, especially the Reagan Middle East peace plan of September 1, 1982. During our interview, he singled out Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger's positions, which have often raised very deep concerns in Jerusalem.

The Democratic Party leader wondered aloud what job Weinberger might win in a second Reagan administration — whether, for instance, he might wind up a secretary of state replacing George Shultz. This is a recurring nightmare in the Jewish community.

Like other Democrats, Manatt also noted that a second term Republican administration could be expected to lean rather heavily on Israel to make additional concessions since the U.S. Constitution limits a president to two four-year terms. Reagan — as opposed to Mondale — would not have to worry about getting re-elected in 1988.

And as if to counter the widespread notion of Jackson's alleged anti-Semitism and the poisoning effect that might have on Jewish support for the Democrats in general, Manatt insisted that the highest echelons of the Republican Party have never been known as being all that close to the Jewish community either.

Thus, Manatt pointed out that there are today no Jews in the Reagan cabinet — the first time that Jews have been absent from the highest posts in Washington in some 50 years. (There are many Jews in secondary positions.) According to Manatt, this is no historical accident.

"REMEMBER," he said, "I'm from Los Angeles. I know that California crowd that surrounds Reagan. I know how they think."

Manatt recalled the fuss made over White House press secretary Larry Speakes' public rift several weeks ago with the then chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisers, Martin Feldstein, who has since resigned to return to his teaching post at Harvard University. At a press briefing in the White House at that time, Speakes joked about the correct pronunciation of Feldstein's name — whether it was Feldstein or Feld-stine. It was later suggested that there was something anti-Semitic in Speakes' remarks.

"I remember how they [the White House press corps] spoke of Feldstein," Manatt said, referring to the incident. He was clearly seeking to drive home his message that Jews have something to worry about in the Republican Party — not just in the Democratic Party because of Jackson's increased influence there.

Reagan's supporters in the Jewish community quickly dismissed the implications of Manatt's tough comments. They referred to Reagan's record of support for Israel, going back to his days as California's governor during the Six Day War when

he joined in pro-Israel rallies. They also quoted recent statements by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Defence Minister Moshe Arens that U.S.-Israel relations have never been better.

BUT AS underlined by Manatt's comments and the very angry reaction of Reagan's partisans, the struggle for Jewish votes this year will be intense. Mondale and his aides agree that they will have to do very well in the large industrial states, where most Jews live, in order to defeat Reagan.

The Republicans, on the other hand, sense that they have an opportunity to capture an increased number of Jewish votes. They cite several factors — Jesse Jackson's role in the Democratic Party, the improved state of U.S.-Israel ties, and, of course, less parochial matters involving the overall health of the U.S. economy and other social and political issues.

Dr. Marshall Breger, the White House liaison to the Jewish community, scored some points in the running debate against the Mondale forces when he noted that the former vice-president's two major Middle East policy advisers are David Aaron and Robert Hunter, who both worked for National Security

Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski during the four years of the Carter Administration. Brzezinski, of course, is widely mistrusted in the Jewish community because of his often nasty comments about Israel.

Breger made it clear during a recent presentation before Jewish editors in Washington that a major theme in the effort to weaken Jewish support for Mondale will be this alleged Brzezinski connection hovering over the campaign.

David Ighin, Mondale's counsel and his unofficial liaison to the Jewish community, rejected this argument, noting that Brzezinski was quite outspoken in his memoirs in attacking Mondale for being too pro-Israel during the Carter administration. Both Aaron and Hunter, Ighin said, have their own views about Israel — views which are supposedly very different from those of Brzezinski.

This was further underlined by Morris Amitay, the former executive director of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC). Amitay has become very active in the Mondale campaign this year. Now a private political consultant and lawyer in Washington, he was often at odds with Brzezinski. The former AIPAC lobbyist defended both Aaron and Hunter as solid supporters of Israel.

All of which sets the stage for a bitter battle for Jewish votes this year. The final outcome is far from certain.

THE BRUTAL TRUTH

By ISRAEL ELDAD

BOTH I and some of my ideas, as well as those of MK Tzvi Shiloah, were subjected to severe criticism by Reuven Alberg in his article "Brutalizing Zionism" (*The Jerusalem Post*, May 21). This was because of my identification with the basic outlook of the late Dr. Avraham Sharon regarding Jewish life outside Israel.

The main thrust of Alberg's attack centres on the orientation of "catastrophic Zionism," which negates the exile and a Jewish existence therein.

Before I respond to his argument, it would be only proper to remind readers of this paper that Sharon was a Labour Zionist personality. Most of his articles were published in the *Histadrut* daily, *Davar*, or by its Am Oved publishing house. Berl Katznelson respected him and lent him support. It is important to keep this in mind when considering the psychological background of our local politics.

Reuven Alberg claims that my appreciation of Sharon lies in his being a "realist" and in his total negation of the possibility of a Jewish existence in the exile, which must result in disappearance or destruction.

He writes: "In truth, there is nothing novel in this pessimistic prognosis. But as a thesis it cannot be proved. It may happen in the foreseeable future or distant future; it may not... many of us feel that Zionism is essentially a spiritual thing... Sharon and Eldad feel that Zionism is a product of catastrophe."

To be exact, Zionism, at least the Herzlian model, was held to be not the product of catastrophe but rather a prophylactic means of preventing catastrophe. Judging by past experience, this Zionist thesis has been proven six million times over. All the thinkers, strategists and ideologues

who derided Herzl for ignoring the "progressive" world and wishing to benefit from a catastrophe, must themselves face up to their irresponsibility and tragic error. Foremost among them: the Ahad Ha'am and Martin Buber school who saw Zionism as essentially a spiritual thing.

This spiritual approach was also one of the tragedies of Chaim Weizmann, strongly influenced by Ahad Ha'am, who adopted a stance of evolutionary Zionism, slow-moving, in a period of catastrophe. The realists in the Zionist movement were, in a sense, seismographs who felt the oncoming tremors and did not need any "proof" *a la* Alberg.

WHY DOES the pessimists' prognosis need proof? There can, in any case, be only one proof — that it is happening. But by then, as has been proved, it is much too late.

"Pessimistic" Zionism does not claim that catastrophes must occur, even though historical experience from ancient Egypt until today has all but proved that they must.

But is the threat of catastrophe not sufficient? Do we lack indications of anti-Semitism, whether crude in Russia, where there are three million Jews, or camouflaged and gentler in the West?

In the West, anti-Semitism is latent, but it is based on a social or

class situation more or less comparable to that prevailing in the democratic countries on the eve of the Holocaust.

It was at that time, too, that the optimists, full of assurance, proclaimed in spiritual (almost spiritualistic) vein the same ideas as those put forward by Alberg and the Jewish ideologists of the soft and easy American exile.

The possibility of physical and economic persecution as well as social and political discrimination exists. But the source of the pessimistic Zionism thesis is the danger of assimilation no less than annihilation. The figures of almost 50 per cent intermarriage are not a fiction of catastrophic Zionism, nor of Sharon, Shiloah and Eldad.

"It seems to me that American society in general and its Jewry in particular are an overwhelming proof of the credibility of Marxism, whereby the material reality forms the superstructure of ideology."

True, the masses of Western Jewry are not beating down the doors of aliyah. This too is natural, just as it was from Egypt until the present day, even if Alberg distorts the drop-out phenomenon by ignoring that since 1968 some 200,000 Jews have come to Israel and "only" 80,000 have gone elsewhere. But the fact is that Zionism, like other ideologies,

must struggle against reality and not give in.

ALBERG panics his readers, progressive as they are, with his sloganeering, with the loss of hope for a better world, freer and more enlightened. It seems that the vision of that better world has never been a product of any place more than Jerusalem, the city of prophets, foremost among them Isaiah.

And all these prophecies never ceased to promise, and more important, to condition a better, more ideal world on a total return to Zion, a full ingathering of the exiles in a complete Land of Israel.

In addition, the catastrophic view of the exile is a biblical one: "And among these nations you shall find no ease" (Deuteronomy 28:65). There is no need to testify to the truth of that verse.

Certainly the great prophet who spoke of the ingathering of the exiles as he did of the wolf dwelling with the lamb never commanded us to take a chance on being the lamb, to trust the enlightened land of Kant and Goethe or, for that matter, American presidential candidates.

There may be room for a Zionist debate on the tactics best suited for the fulfillment of Zionism's goals. After the Holocaust and the failure of Zionism on the eve of the Holocaust, there cannot be any argument over those goals and the dangers that continue to threaten us in the lands of dispersion.

He who talks of these dangers of physical and spiritual destruction in terms of "maybe" or "perhaps" could be considered a fine philosopher — but he is a poor historian and an irresponsible Zionist.

Dr. Eldad is one of the leading polemicists of the Israeli right.

support he won did not always help him, and sometimes even hampered him.

Hart, on the other hand, was a surprise: he succeeded in lifting the elections out of their customary routine. Like John Kennedy, he put his emphasis on the future, not the present. The argument, he said, is not between right and left, but between today and tomorrow, and he inspired many people, even if he didn't have that much to say.

His supporters are young, members of the professions, independents who populate the suburbs of cities throughout the United States.

Although he has said virtually all the right things from Israel's points of view, his voters have a different scale of priorities.

Hart has acquired an important political power base in the Democratic Party, and even Ted Kennedy will find it hard to defeat him in four years' time, should he decide to run.

Jesse Jackson, who has succeeded in the primaries beyond his own, not to mention his opponents' expectations, represents a conspicuously anti-Israeli and anti-Jewish line, which constitutes a threat to both U.S. Jewry and Israel's interests. He has shattered what remained of the Jewish-black coalition of the '60s. Jackson is by no means a passing episode for the Democrats; he warrants serious attention.

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Presidential perspectives

By AMOS EIRAN

THE EXHAUSTING and ever-shifting race that constitutes the American primaries is over. Walter Mondale claims that the number of delegates he collected during his long, four-month campaign ensures his nomination as the Democratic candidate for the presidency as early as the first ballot of his party's convention, to be held next month in San Francisco.

In contrast, Gary Hart claims that he has succeeded in proving that the contest is not yet sewn up, and that there are still surprises in store during the convention, surprises that will secure him the nomination.

Jesse Jackson, the black preacher, no longer lays claim to pre-eminence, but he has managed to concentrate the majority of black voters around him — and not just the black voters — in defiance of the stands of local and national leaders who declared their support for Mondale. This achievement will not allow anyone in the Democratic Party to ignore Jackson, either at the

convention or after it.

The Democratic candidates have been ferociously fighting each other as if Ronald Reagan didn't exist, making it necessary to remind them from time to time that the real fight is still ahead of them and that the object of the exercise is to remove Reagan from the White House.

Reagan may be the oldest president in the history of the U.S., but he is still the best actor in the American political theatre. All the others somehow seem like bit players beside him. Barring some disaster like the U.S. hostage crisis in Iran or

economic collapse, and given that Reagan stays in good health, he will be re-elected.

AND IF he is re-elected, what will happen in the Democratic Party and what will be the effect on Israel?

It would appear that Mondale, the last representative of the traditional Democratic consensus from the days of the New Deal, will not be able to run for president again; perhaps he will be re-elected to the Senate which he left when he was nominated as Jimmy Carter's running mate.

Mondale, known for his support of Israel, who represents Humphrey's Minnesota which is rooted in a populism of farmers and trade unionists, seems incapable of advancing the son of a preacher, he has never succeeded in putting his whole heart into the effort of reaching the top, and sounds lacking in persuasiveness.

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SHINUI CHAIRMAN Amnon Rubinstein sees a certain irony in the fact that the liberalism he espouses is a dominant tradition in most Western countries, while in Israel it is represented by a two-man Knesset faction. The sclerosis of liberalism in Israel is a function of the failure of the country's political system, he says — a failure that Shinui is determined to rectify.

Shinui is unique, Rubinstein says, in that it has avoided the amoeba syndrome that affects most Israeli parties. In its 10 years of existence, his party has not ever split, and has carved out for itself a solid niche in the body politic. With the demise of the unimpaired Democratic Movement for Change (which Shinui entered, and left, as an intact unit), and the disappearance of the Liberal Party into the embrace of Herut, Shinui is the only representative of the centre in Israel today, he says.

Rubinstein gives historical reasons for the void at the centre of Israeli politics. For many years, he says, the country was dominated by an orthodox socialist party — one that still clings to its original ideals, despite the enormous changes the country has undergone. Socialism eventually fell from favour, but the Likud failed to come up with a new policy to take its place. The "populism and simplistic nationalism" of the Likud has led to the erosion of the Western point of view, Rubinstein says.

Rubinstein regrets that Israel's large parties are not made in the Western mould. Though large, they are not pluralistic, he says. Instead, they are "federations of different groups and segments." The over-centralization of the parties' structures, he says, has led to power being concentrated in the hands of apparatchiks, such as those running the Labour Party's Tel Aviv branch.

Labour and the Likud are "supermarkets," Rubinstein says. "You never know how they're going to use their vote." Instead of policy they offer "a melange of ideas," and their political zigzagging is dizzying. He points to Labour's unexpected support of the Golan law and the Likud's stops and starts regarding the economy.

Despite Shinui's being one of the smallest factions in the Knesset, Rubinstein professes to be a believer in large, pluralistic parties. The problem, he says, is that, given Israel's unique electoral system, only smaller parties can represent the individual's personal ideas. Other than at the very top, there can be no sense of self-expression in the larger parties.

Rubinstein is eager to change the proportional representation system, but is well aware of the difficulties involved — not least the opposition of the two major blocs.

SHINUI'S pre-election contacts with

The Jerusalem Post's Roy Isacowitz talks to Shinui leader Amnon Rubinstein

FILLING THE VOID



'Anyone who tells you the economy can be healed without pain is trying to fool you'

various other groups — including MK Shulamit Aloni's Citizens Rights Movement and dissident Liberal Yitzhak Berman — came to nothing and the party is running alone in the forthcoming elections. Rubinstein says that he doubts whether a merger would have been beneficial electorally. Shinui, he says, emphasises economic matters and appeals to the business community. Many of the party's voters might have found it difficult supporting a joint list with the CRM.

Though it is running independently, Shinui is a self-declared member of the "Labour group of parties." Shinui's prime aim in the elections is to bring about a change in government, and Rubinstein says that he is eager to join an Alignment-led coalition government. The fate of the country will not be decided by the Alignment's vote, he says, but the size of the vote gained by the entire Labour group.

Shinui's election pitch is therefore that a vote for Shinui is a "double vote" — one against the Likud and another for the policies espoused by Shinui. There is absolutely no danger that a vote for Shinui will lessen the certainty of bringing down the Likud, Rubinstein says.

He illustrates his point with the example of the government formed by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir last year. At the time, he points out, the Alignment was the largest fac-

tion in the Knesset, but President Chaim Herzog nevertheless called on Shamir to form the government because a majority of the Knesset members had expressed their preference for the Likud. Likewise, this time around, he says. If the Labour group — the Alignment, Shinui, the CRM and maybe others — gains a majority and its junior members inform the president of their desire for an Alignment-led government, the president will be obliged to call on Labour chairman Shimon Peres to form the next government.

Shinui's declared policy is not to join a Likud-led cabinet, Rubinstein says. He demonstrated this determination by refusing to join former prime minister Menachem Begin's cabinet when the rest of the DMC, of which Shinui was a part, did so.

Should the Alignment form the next cabinet, however, Shinui will be happy to join it as a partner, Rubinstein says. Shinui would like to influence the government against the "fanatic nationalist mood" swaying parts of the population, and towards the stringent rule of law, Shinui, he says, stands for tolerance and equality for all, and is opposed to all forms of discrimination. Above all, he says, his party will demand a "sane economic policy" to save the country.

Shinui will not join an Alignment-led government if it is a "mock Likud," he says, hastening to add that he sees little chance of that happening. Pressed to define a "mock Likud" government, he describes it as a government encumbered by obligations to the religious parties, and a government that capitulates to the demands of Gush Emunim. He will do all in his power, he says, to prevent Agudat Yisrael having sway over an Alignment-led government.

THE REFLECTIVE, quiet-spoken Shinui leader becomes animated when discussing Gush Emunim and the Jewish terrorist underground. It is "not very nice to mention," he says, but it must be remembered that the capitulation to the Gush was begun by a Labour government. It cannot be a coincidence, he adds, that the three leading members of the last Labour government all had outspoken exponents of settlement serving under them: Yigal Allon had Levinger, Peres employed Yuval Ne'eman, and Yitzhak Rabin had Ariel Sharon as his security adviser.

Shinui's role in an Alignment-led government will be to reinforce the principle that one doesn't give in to illegal pressures, Rubinstein says. He is sure that eradicating the Gush can be done with less violence and less trauma than is commonly believed. The great majority of Israelis are opposed to the Gush ideology, he believes, and a good government — "a government that knows what it wants" — could gradually change pro-Gush public perceptions.

TALKING ABOUT Gush Emunim — "believers in an evil, semi-paganistic concept," as he describes them — brings Rubinstein to his new book, published in the U.S. last month. The book *The Zionist Dream Revisited*, is a rewrite of a book he wrote three years ago, warning against the possibility of Jewish extremist violence. The English version is quite different from the original, he says, beginning as it does with the war in Lebanon and then examining what went wrong on the way to Lebanon.

"Unfortunately," Rubinstein says, "I predicted the existence of a Jewish terror group. I thought that a racist invoking of halachic law — equating Arabs with Malachites —

must inevitably lead to violence." This was all the more inevitable after "Rafal" turned the settlers into armed militias," he says.

He expresses "great disappointment" at the failure of the country's religious leaders to deal with the incipient violence, and he has only scorn for Chief Rabbi Avraham Shapira's "lunatic writings" condemning the imprisonment of Kiryat Arba Rabbi Eliezer Waldman.

Herzl, he points out, predicted an "anti-goy" stream in the Jewish state, saying that the Jews "will have their own anti-Semites." But had Israel turned into a normal state, they would have only been a fringe group, Rubinstein says. The greatest shock to Rubinstein is the support expressed by influential public figures for the Jewish terrorists — the convoluted justifications mouthed by a former president of the Tel Aviv University, a former chief of staff, a deputy Knesset speaker and others.

Shinui supports a moratorium on settlements, especially those in the populated areas of the West Bank and Gaza, and the diversion of resources to restructure the economy. Israel, he says, should talk to whoever is willing to talk to it, providing that its dialogue partners accept the principle of coexistence. The best solution, from Shinui's point of view, would be for Jordan's King Hussein to represent the Palestinians. Shinui is opposed to the establishment of a separate Palestinian state.

On Lebanon, Shinui agrees with the Alignment's declared policy of an early withdrawal of the Israel Defence Forces, with the necessary security arrangements. The war, Rubinstein says, has been "one of the biggest fiascos ever," and the fact that Ariel Sharon and Rafael (Rafal) Eitan have not followed Begin into obscurity "simply shows their unscrupulousness."

Nobody in the government is prepared to take responsibility for his actions, he says, adding that he wouldn't be surprised if, in the event of the Likud winning the elections, the next finance minister is Yoram Aridor, "the man responsible for the destruction of the economy."

AS BEFITS a party whose Knesset list is top-heavy with businessmen and industrialists, Shinui places its emphasis on economic policy — not simply denunciations of the government, but a comprehensive policy of opposition to the idea of giving be-

fits to every army veteran, regardless of his means.

RUBINSTEIN believes that the government must reduce its role in the economy, and must stop absorbing workers into the non-productive sector. The services, he believes, should be closed to young people entering the job market — at least for a few years until the imbalance is redressed — and work in production must be made more lucrative. At the moment, he says, Israel is exporting some 10 billion dollars annually, from a sector which employs only 25 per cent of the population.

One of Rubinstein's ideas to correct the balance is for the government to offer an added tax to be paid out to the employees of companies that increase exports. The government would not lose on the deal, he says, and incentive would be raised considerably.

Shinui's approach to the major economic problem of the day — hyperinflation — also differs from that of Labour. Shinui, says Rubinstein, supports a temporary wage and price freeze to halt the inflationary spiral. It has been done in other countries, he says, and, for a short period, can be enforced without creating an elaborate system.

At the same time, he says, the government must cut its expenses drastically, by freezing settlements, withdrawing the army from Lebanon and abolishing unnecessary subsidies, and must come to a "package deal" with the workers and the employers. A concurrent freeze and package deal will cool the over-heated economy, he believes, and bring inflation down to a viable level.

"Anyone who tells you that the economy can be healed without pain is trying to fool you," he says. It will be the pain of "growing up," and Shinui refuses to lull the electorate with sweet words. However, he stresses, the burden must be shared equally. While Shinui would do nothing to harm personal savings — "a habit that took 20 years to build up" — the party supports a capital gains tax on stock exchange transactions.

AMNON RUBINSTEIN has little doubt that Labour will form the next government, and he gives the impression of looking forward to playing a role in the next administration. In the last Knesset, Shinui played a role out of all proportion to its size, he says, pointing to his central role in the move to establish a commission of inquiry into the Beirut massacres, and the over 10 laws initiated by himself and his colleague MK Mordechai Virshupski.

Shinui, he says, will continue to act in the interests of the liberal tradition, and will continue to work for a revised electoral system and for enactment of the long-pending Bill of Rights. Rubinstein describes himself as being "guardedly optimistic" regarding Shinui gains in the elections, but warns that "in politics, one must be prepared for any surprise and any shock."

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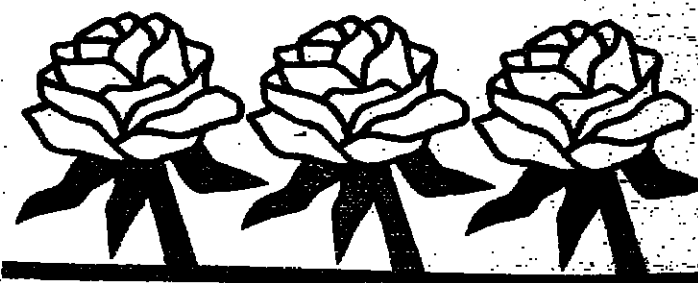
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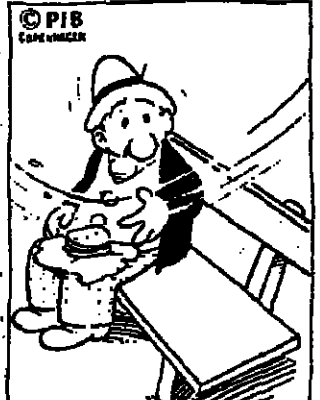
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A champion of Europe

By DAVID KRIVINE / Jerusalem Post Correspondent

period (during which their tariffs are... and a long one for their industry," says Barre.

"On the community's side, Britain and West Germany are pressing for a shorter transition period for Spain's industry (to reduce the protection it enjoys), whereas France and Italy are agitating for a longer transition period for its agriculture (to prolong the protection the Europeans enjoy against Spanish competition)."

Barre believes that the fears of both sides are exaggerated; and this brings him to the feelings of apprehension that Israelis express. Zero tariffs within the community will give Spain's agricultural exports an edge, they say, on Israel's supplies — a prospect that is causing dismay.

Barre recalls reassuringly how terrified French industrialists — including the ministry in Paris responsible for industry — were 25 years ago when the Treaty of Rome was being negotiated. Dismantling France's tariffs was equivalent to dismantling France's industry, it was felt. But things did not work out that way.

"Spanish competition will be less severe than you believe," he concludes. To the extent that it has an impact on Israel's trade, adjustments will be necessary and will be made, to the benefit of all. For example: "You have achieved a high level of industrial development, including remarkable advances in high-tech. When Spain's tariffs on industrial goods are removed, your manufacturers will find new marketing opportunities in that country."

RAYMOND BARRE is a pragmatic person. Did his experience as prime minister, with particular responsibility for economic affairs, affect the theories he had developed as professor of economics? He laughs heartily. Experience does make nonsense of a lot of theorizing, he concedes. But then he had not himself been one of the earnest dogmatists.

"I never treated abstract doctrines as a prescription to cure all ills. I belong to the school which sees economic theory as a box of tools, helping to analyse problems. What counts is understanding the facts, assessing the pressures and fixing the objectives. Most important is making the right judgment."

How does he see the crushing debt crisis afflicting Third World countries? It looms largest, he points out, on the other side of the Atlantic, between U.S. banks and their Latin American debtors.

It should be said that the former French premier does not miss opportunities for chalking up points in favour of the Europeans. He had made the observation earlier that the EEC countries provide twice as much aid to the developing countries as the U.S. and twice as much as Japan — blissfully overlooking the fact that the EEC consists of 10 countries, of which five, including his own, possess certain obligations, having ruled over the world's colonial empires.

The debtor countries have a case, he continues. Their loans were incurred in dollars, whose exchange rate has shot up unreasonably; and at variable rates of interest, which have shot up, too.

"It is necessary to re-schedule those debts by substituting long-term loans at low, stable long-term rates of interest."

"Moreover the advanced countries have to open their gates to the Third World's exports. The debtor states are not going to defray their obligations if they can't export," he emphasizes; recalling how Germany was for the same reason unable to — and did not — repay money owed to the Western powers after World War I.

HOW DOES he see the plague of unemployment that has overtaken the industrialized countries of the West — is it here to stay? He does not think so. He speaks only about Europe, he stresses. Unemployment in that part of the world has particular reasons and they are numerous enough to make the problem intractable.

First, the two oil price shocks in the 1970s and the inflation that followed caused a drop in economic growth rates, even stagnation and, in some cases, recession.

During the previous long phase of prosperity, wages had risen continuously. Trade unions now grouped to defend those income levels and maintain the tradition of yearly salary increases. This creates an element of rigidity, which prevents necessary adjustments in the labour market.

Next, the intensification of international competition, which must be accepted but imposes structural changes that are hurtful: "There are a lot of firms around which are in decline. Old industries must give way to new ones. We have to face what the economist Schumpeter called 'creative destruction.'"

"In certain countries there are also demographic factors to aggravate the problem. France went through a baby-boom in 1945-50, and a flood of youngsters are now coming on the labour market."

"Finally, the years of abundance produced in Europe a state of very generous social legislation, including high unemployment benefits. This reduces the incentive to find work, or if a person loses a job, to resume work through other employment."

Barre sums up: "As economic recovery takes hold, the job situation will ease. The problem will not be solved quickly," he hastens to add, but the situation should, normalize in the course of time.

Does not the strike in West Germany for a 35-hour week make sense? Isn't it a good idea to share the work out?

"You cannot share work out unless you also share out the income. The trade unionists in Germany want the same wage as before and that can't be done."

Besides, Barre does not believe in working less. He welcomes technological change, and he does not think that man is being displaced by the machine: "We've gone through this sequence of events before, it's not new. Progress makes some activities obsolete but creates fresh activities to replace them."

He leans forward: "During the last 10 years, two countries that have combated unemployment better than the rest have actually increased their working hours. I refer to Japan and Switzerland."

There is time for one political question: Are we witnessing the beginning of a breach between Western Europe and the U.S.? Not at all, he says. "Arguments take place between the two sides, but that's a constructive process. There cannot be a breach."

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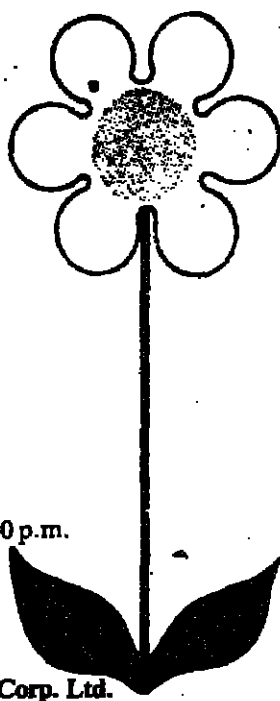
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A copy of the Prospectus and Permit to publish it have been filed with the Companies Registrar.

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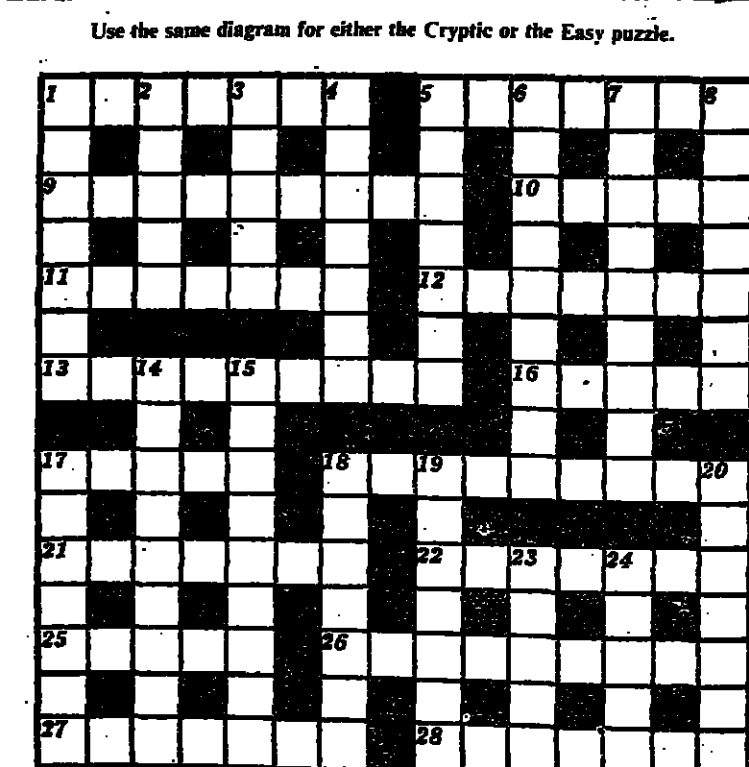
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Cryptic

- ACROSS
- Find how to remove the top (7)
 - So a lot of people will like you (7)
 - Has a great inclination to cause mountaineers trouble! (9)
 - The first boy with "The Elephants" backs music-makers (5)
 - Left a table fully stocked with food (7)
 - He did it because he didn't want the food to be still cooking! (7)
 - We don't expect them to take us unawares (9)
 - Almost drops out, taking them (5)
 - Member injured in it? (5)
 - Maybe, lay them in church to uplift the congregation (9)
 - Put on material fit to be seen by the public! (7)
 - Persistently question relatives after vegetable is found (7)
 - Carpeted one joining others in flight (5)
 - Describe one as being ground down? What a disaster! (9)
 - Caught a fish by the head; that's sharp (7)
 - Fail to explain why you haven't got it (7)

- DOWN
- They're not partial to people like judges (7)
 - Offered for sale by someone dear to us? Hardly! (5)
 - We may hear a person using this grammatical term (5)
 - Object to them looting and running away, all of a sudden! (7)
 - Delights, quietly offered by letter (7)
 - One who is bound to state where he was raised with great love (9)
 - Rake around in it, rebel! (9)
 - Slays at nice addresses, not having dances all over the place (7)
 - Again, say "emphasise" (9)
 - Doctor the evidence presented to him in court (9)
 - I like to hurt these people? (7)
 - Got wet shoes and socks off, so to speak (7)
 - Doesn't shrink from doing some empire-building! (7)
 - With father, perhaps, sent out poems (7)
 - A sound translation of some



notes on piece of paper (5)
24 Short sword made longer and more lethal (5)

'Quickie'

- ACROSS
- Gives one tranquillisers (7)
 - Seen in tailors' windows (7)
 - He puts money in a bank (9)
 - Parts of faces (5)
 - Violent in opinion, etc. (7)
 - Master of Ceremonies (7)
 - They direct travellers (9)
 - Eminent, or famous (5)
 - Ship's load (5)
 - Club official (9)
 - Feature of a church (7)
 - A model of perfection (7)
 - Belgian city (5)
 - Type of rock (9)
 - Leaves off (7)
 - They are related (7)

DOWN

- Sorrow (7)
- Place of storage (5)
- A sense (5)
- They pose for Artists (7)
- Makes a film (7)
- Memorial structures (9)
- A police rank (9)

- Hang from a line (7)
- They tend flowers, etc. (9)
- Actors' memories jogged by them (9)
- Made a move at chess (7)
- Locks of hair (7)
- Grows bigger (7)
- Athletes (7)
- Flowers (5)
- Hand covering (5)

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Free shares continue to advance

TEL AVIV. — The "free" share of the stock market maintained its positive momentum yesterday, while bank shares in the "arrangement" remained unchanged. Bonds were once again stable to slightly higher.

Volume in the share market grew to 181 million, of which 152.4m. was in the "arrangement" banks and 15.7m. in the "free" market. This is the highest volume figure in the share market this week and, as such, is an encouraging sign. Bond volume, by contrast, shrank to 15.5m., falling below the share volume for the first time in some time.

The pattern in the share market was almost identical to that on Wednesday, with the rises spread throughout the various sectors of the "free" market, and the small but steady "arrangement" bank sector holding the general index back.

Thus it was that the all-bank index rose 2.39 percent, in which the 3.2 percent rise in the industrial share index was the major factor, while the "arrangement" bank index actually fell by a minute 0.06 percent. This left the General Share Index ahead by 0.72 percent on the day.

The numerous rises were reflected in the ratio of seven shares rising compared to every two that fell and, even more strikingly, in the 6:1 advantage taken by sharply rising shares to sharply falling ones.

The fact that there have been relatively few "buyers only" situations has prevented the development of shares of rising in leaps and bounds, following two successive days of being registered "buyers only". The whole advance in the market over the last three weeks has been steady.

Indeed, by the standards of the Tel Aviv exchange, the current upswing is best described as sedate, even docile. That is probably why it has failed to attract much attention, despite the significant increases accumulated by many shares.

The management of the exchange issued a list of companies which have not yet published their results for 1983. Trading in these companies' shares will be halted as of Sunday June 17. It will be permitted to recommence only when the results are released. The companies are: Yardenia, Teta, Ata, Lipsky.

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By PINHAS LANDAU

Pollak, Incobac and Koor Industries. Two other companies were given an extension — until July 15, to publish their results. Since they have been subject to take-overs and are under new management. These are Harel Bonded Warehouses and Coral Beach.

In a separate announcement, the board of the exchange issued a decision whereby all options issued

henceforth must be exercisable at all times. Some options have only been exercisable for one month or even one day a year, and this has given rise to discrepancies between their price and that of the underlying share.

Shares issued as a result of the exercise of options must be registered for trading within 15 days.

Most Active Issues:
Leumi 354M 1558.3m n.c.
IDB 7725 1524.0m +4.5
Discount A 9855 1517.3m n.c.
Turnovers:
15374.2m.
Share: 15940.0m.
Issues up: 174
Issues down: 165

Leumi Mortgage Bank had loss of IS109m. last year

By PINHAS LANDAU

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Leumi Mortgage Bank lost IS109.2 million on an adjusted basis in 1983. The bank's results were announced at the annual general meeting held here yesterday.

Board chairman Shmuel Tolchinski took the opportunity in presenting the results to review the state of the building and mortgage industries and the factors influencing them. He noted that 1983 had not been a good year for these industries, and the slump of 1982 had carried over and worsened.

Contractors and construction companies continue to hold a large number of unsold apartments. "The main reason for the lack of demand for new apartments is the slowdown in population growth," declared Tolchinski. Whereas in 1974, about 40,000 new apartments were needed to meet the needs of young couples, immigrants and replacement of sub-standard housing, this figure has now fallen to 25,000.

Thus, while the number of housing starts has also fallen from 58,630 in 1974 to 26,330 in 1983, the fact that there are about 60,000 units in the various stages of being built means that the slump in the building industry is likely to continue.

Tolchinski also noted that apartment prices in dollar terms had not fallen in recent months, despite the supply overhang. He complained

that the expected far-reaching changes in the methods of financing building had not yet occurred. Although the government had announced its intention to transfer the whole system of financing public building to the mortgage banks, this plan seems to have been shelved.

The fact that the government had changed the terms of repayment for existing index-linked mortgages, allowing 20 years and thus reducing the monthly repayment figure, had not found much response amongst mortgage holders and few had taken advantage of it.

"This shows how reluctant the public is to take upon itself additional index-linked obligations for long periods. In fact, people want to unburden themselves of linked-loans as quickly as possible," said Tolchinski.

The bank's balance sheet and results reflect this background, as well as the rapid increase in the inflation rate. The balance sheet grew 261 percent, to IS73 billion, and nominal profits rose only 145 percent, to reach IS576m., but as noted, after adjustment to inflation, the results showed a loss of IS109m.

Leumi Mortgage and its subsidiary, Unico Bank, advanced 7,550 new loans totalling IS8b. in the course of 1983, compared to 8,130 loans for IS2.6b. in the previous year.

Commercial Banks (not part of "arrangement")

Bank	Price	Volume	Change
Leumi	3540	1558.3	n.c.
IDB	7725	1524.0	+4.5
Discount A	9855	1517.3	n.c.
Turnovers	15374.2		
Share	15940.0		
Issues up	174		
Issues down	165		

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Bank	Price	Volume	Change
IDB	7725	1524.0	+4.5
IDB B	7950		n.c.
IDB P	48400		n.c.
IDB P 11	5842	227	n.c.
IDB P 12	10000	1	n.c.
Discount A	9855	1517.3	n.c.
Discount B	1212	23	n.c.
Discount C	1213	837	n.c.
Mizrahi	3340	99	n.c.
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Mizrahi 12			n.c.
Mizrahi 13			n.c.
Mizrahi 14			n.c.
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The quick and the dead

IN ISRAEL and in the Diaspora — primarily in the American Jewish community — there has been a persistent debate about the right of Diaspora Jews to intervene in Israeli politics and policy matters.

The issue became sharply edged a few years ago when the dovish American Jewish group that called itself Breira was active, publishing declarations in the U.S. and Israeli press. It is revived whenever groups who oppose Israeli government policy raise their heads above the waters.

At election time the problem becomes more complicated. Israeli political parties then solicit friends, patrons and sympathizers abroad for funds to help them wage their election campaigns. In fact there are some parties who would not get very far at all without the largesse of foreign donors. Yet somehow such activity is never subjected to criticism as illegitimate involvement in Israeli politics.

In recent weeks the turmoil in the religious movements has intensified intervention by various Diaspora orthodox groups. This is especially true of those who identify loosely with the National Religious Party, or more narrowly with Gush Emunim and the settlement movement. Incensed by the trial of the Jewish terrorist underground, these groups would put their influence to bear not only on behalf of settlement, but also on behalf of the particular kind of extremism that guided the underground.

And then there are those, like Rabbi Avraham Hecht, president of the Rabbinical Alliance of America, who though Ashkenazi, is also the head of the Syrian Sephardi Synagogue in Brooklyn. He told this newspaper explicitly this week: "We support the Likud, not Agudat Yisrael and love Ari Sharon, who is the kind of tough-guy hero Americans identify with."

Such forthrightness is commendable. For it puts into sharp relief the whole contention that Diaspora Jews should just stick to making donations to the UJA and lobby on behalf of Israeli causes, and not get involved in making or voicing their own judgments about Israeli policy and intervening in our domestic politics.

The fact is that this argument has always been laced with hypocrisy. Israelis, official and non-official, have simply employed it when the positions adopted by a Diaspora group opposed their own.

The argument has, however, had an impact over the years. It has browbeaten the critics of whatever Israeli policy is currently in vogue, and it has especially browbeaten the non-orthodox movements in Diaspora, while orthodox movements have consistently and persistently pursued their purpose of remaking Israeli society after their own image. While non-orthodoxy has abdicated, orthodoxy has pursued its commitment.

Perhaps the nervous solicitude of the non-orthodox about interference in Israeli matters, in truth reflects their reluctance to intensify their engagement in, and identification with, the State and its course. If that is the case, then it is not surprising that the field has remained clear for orthodox influence. For orthodoxy suffers from no such ambivalence, except at its most anti-State extremes — and then too in a different and activist form.

In any case, what should be plain is that so-called liberal Jewry abroad, for so long the automatic underwriter of Israel's political establishment, political status quo, and political doctrines, should not be surprised to wake up one day, after an Israeli election, to find a state it never bargained for.

Lacklustre contest

By SARAH HONIG

IN THEORY, they are supposed to be off and running. The signal guns were fired, the election campaigns officially launched and the candidates were poised and ready on the starting lines. Insiders, image-builders, trainers and managers indeed swear that the race is really on, except that the runners are not kicking up any dust at all.

It may be very premature to predict that this would be a dull contest, unlike the no-holds-barred one of three years ago. Election day is still more than five weeks away and the race has only been on for about a week and a half. But what can be said without a doubt is that it is all off to a very slow start — much slower than in 1981.

ALL CAMPAIGNS till that time were seen as a foregone conclusion, with the electorate convinced that the result — a Labour victory — was a foregone conclusion. The 1977 campaign was an unexpected surprise. In 1981, it was clear that the rules of the game had changed and the parties regarded the battle as a fateful one for the future of the state of Israel. This is all the more so now. Each of the major parties is describing the country as being on the crossroads — with one path leading to a relatively secure future and the other to the disaster that the victory of the adversary would mean.

This view of the decision which the voters must make on July 23 certainly should not presage a gentlemanly, exemplary campaign. Everything that was there to fan the 1981 flames, still exists today and more so. But although the heat and tension are here, no smoke is visible.

THE FACT is that some politicians themselves are a bit bewildered and at a loss to explain what is happening so far. But there are those who wish it could all stay that way. This is especially true of the Labour side. The Alignment campaign strategists have been blasted by some of their own supporters in the media for not being aggressive enough. But the Alignment's tacticians counter by explaining that a heated campaign would play right into Likud hands and would be the worst possible thing for Labour interests.

They explain that Labour is now probably at the peak of its appeal — with polls indicating an advantage of as many as a dozen Knesset seats in the Alignment's favour. It is not likely that Labour would go up further. The best the party can do is maintain its present advantage and the experts are afraid that things will not stay as good as they now appear. "If we could possibly go to the polls tomorrow and do away with the campaign altogether, it would be best for us. The status quo is the best we can hope for. Too much action and excitement can only hurt us, and we're sitting very pretty as things are now," a prominent Labour MK told the Post.

A colleague of his from Mapam added along the same lines, that the less interest aroused by the cam-

paigned the better for the Alignment. "The lower the voter turnout the greater our advantage would be. The feeling amongst us is that our supporters are more dedicated than the Likud's, so if the turnout is low, more of our people proportionally will bother to vote than will be the case on the Likud side."

But the main argument in the Labour camp is that so far things are dull because other issues are providing better newspaper copy and bigger headlines than the campaign. "If the main page-one headline people see on a given morning tells them that the teachers are striking and that a million children are out of school, that is more effective than our entire campaign and hurts the Likud more. The fact is that most of the news unrelated to the campaign has hurt the Likud. Events are doing our work for us and there is no reason for us to get controversial," a top campaign official on the Labour side told the Post.

THAT IS NOT exactly how things are viewed on the Likud side. It is agreed there that news copy dealing with issues such as labour unrest hurts the Likud, but it is hotly debated that this is all unrelated to the campaign. Strikes, argue Likud leaders such as Deputy Premier David Levy and Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orad, are not innocent events unconnected with the campaign. They are part of a deliberate Alignment strategy.

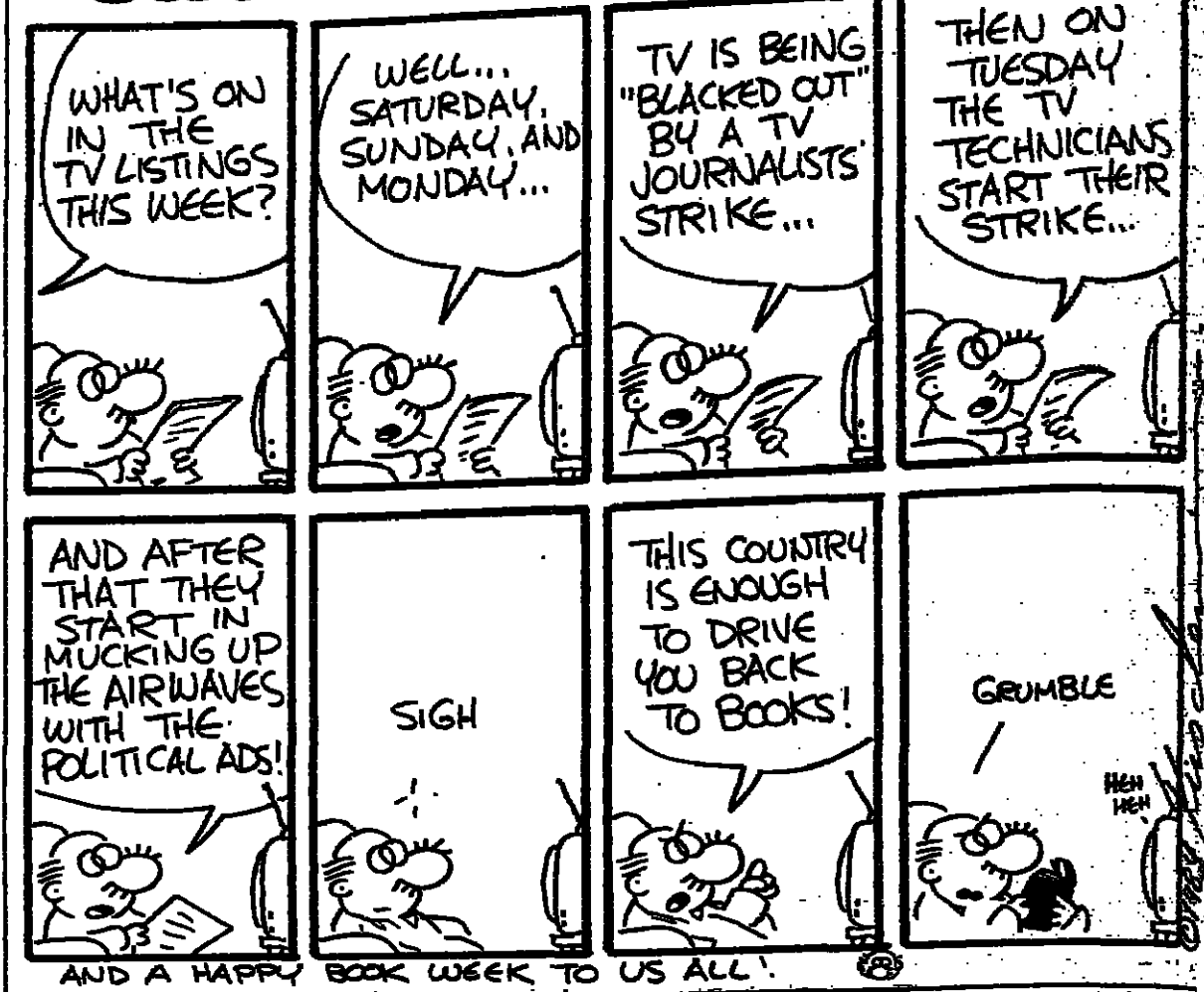
This itself could become a hotly-debated assertion, but although it has been made several times in the past week, it has patently failed to generate any real excitement either.

True, there have been some accusations traded back and forth about unfair newspaper ads and even some complaints to the Central Elections Committee, which were withdrawn, however, as a sign of good will. But even had they not been withdrawn, it is hardly likely that they would have made any dent in the public's present apathy.

In fact, it is highly doubtful if so far the public has much idea of what the ads are all about. Likud public relations experts were up in arms at the choice by their party leaders of "We are in the National Camp" as a slogan. They considered it to be about as ineffective as could be imagined. The national camp epithet has been almost a code reference to the Revisionist movement for many decades. Its supporters were called the national (Leumi) circles, and its kuppah holim, labour federation and college are all Leumi. The PR experts objected to the slogan as being esoteric in historical allusions that were meaningless to the general public nowadays and especially to the floating voters, whose support the Likud must re-secure, it order to at least come up even with the Alignment.

THE LIKUD was about to drop the slogan, until taken back by Labour's outcry that it was an

The Friday Dry Bones



attempt to divide the nation and incite the voters against the Alignment. That probably kept the slogan around longer than it otherwise would have survived and it is doubtful that the Likud, for prestige reasons, could now afford to drop it altogether. But the latest Likud ads have already featured the "national camp" in very small letters and substituted "One Israel-One Nation" in giant print.

This prompted a sarcastic Labour rebuttal the next day, when the party's full-page ad congratulated the Likud for having "finally rejoined the nation. The division of this nation into camps is a national disaster." The Alignment's PR firm — Keshet-Baril, which handled the Likud's account three years ago — must have been satisfied.

Labour was making the Likud far more uncomfortable with another series of ads, entitled "shock treatment". These were not signed by the Alignment but by a group calling itself "Citizens for a change of government," although Alignment campaigners openly admit that they are behind the ads. These purport to predict the severe economic measures with which the Likud would punish the public if returned to power. Cohen-Orad has already denounced them as "an exercise in the big-lie tactic. It's a scare campaign of the cheapest and basest sort and unprecedented incitement against the Likud."

NOT THAT the Likud has long kept its kid gloves on. Its reply came from a group called Aluma — the Hebrew acronym for Citizens for the prevention of Alignment failures. Their star is King Hussein of Jordan whose picture prominently appears on the ad, which notes that "he wants the Alignment." Below is a reproduction of a newspaper clipping of reported recent Hussein pro-Alignment pronouncements. The ad goes on to say that Arafat, Elias

Freij, Abu Iyad, and Kreisky also prefer Labour.

It all sounds like hot political stuff and in another, milder country, might be characterized as "a dirty fight." But not here. The public is still yawning and it is not clear how many are ever reading the ads.

Perhaps the real explanation for the monotony thus far is the fact that, though they have searched high and low through the political haystack, the parties have still failed to hit on the magic issue with which to spearhead the campaign and crystallize a national mood that would be translated into votes. This is odd considering the controversies that surround us from the Lebanon War to the state of the economy.

Both sides are now clearly looking for that one stormy event to provide the clincher issue. This is made all the more difficult by the fact that so far this campaign appears to be entirely devoid of stars and charisma of any sort. Much less than any previous campaign in the country's history. The Likud's grand magicians and supreme show-maker, Menachem Begin, is not taking part in the race. On the Labour side, it appears that the open dislike for Shimon Peres in 1981 would not be as manifest this time around, depriving the campaign of another personal issue.

SOME UNHAPPY campaigners say that the dying Moshe Dayan (three years ago had more charisma than most of the contenders out on the track today. Even the ebullient Ezer Weizman does not appear to have filled the void. He started spending money earlier than any party, and it is said that he is spending more than the others as well. But he seems to be turning all of the myths connected with his name in the past into newspaper ads and jingles. Still he is not in the news and unable to stir up much excitement despite much wise-cracking and bravado.

The sides, however, are very nervous, regardless of the tediousness of the goings-on so far. The Alignment is buoyed by the favourable polls, but past experience has taught it to be wary and very careful. Things looked even better at the start of the 1981 campaign.

In the Likud they are sure the Labour advantage will shrink as polling day nears, but this does not instill confidence or optimism in the "national camp" either. If the two sides come out more or less even, as

they did three years back, the Alignment may this time have an easier time finding coalition partners. Fain is said to be unofficially in alliance with the Alignment, and Weizman is seen as a much more likely partner for the Alignment than for the Likud. Moreover, the Likud is afraid that Tehiya, bolstered by ex-chief of staff Raphael Eitan will take a bite out of its support and give Labour the edge.

IF THE one redeeming issue is not found, the only hope for the campaign, say the experts on all sides, will be the TV election spots. They reach every home and become something of an entertainment attraction, given the quality of our TV fare to the state of the economy.

The Alignment hints that its TV offerings will feature well-known show business celebrities and the Likud is bargaining about the price demanded by its one star Sefi Rivlin. There is talk about one more entertainer the Likud is negotiating with but his name is a secret. The Likud says stars and entertainers are an insult to the voters' intelligence and the Alignment, apparently able to hire more talent, is convinced that they are effective.

The Likud continues to swear by big outdoor rallies, while the Alignment says they are of little value. The Likud's reply is that the Alignment does not have the politicians for that kind of attraction.

Both sides may be hiding rabbits in their hats, ready to be pulled out to steal the show at its final moments, though both deny that this is the case. A Labour campaign worker says that this is just not that type of campaign, "but if the Likud is up to any dirty tricks, we'll show them." he warned and quotes MK Yossi Sarid as saying that he "does not mind playing a soft flute if that is what political wisdom dictates at a given moment. But I will rely on the flute only when I know that, just in case, I have a big loud drum at my side."

On the Likud side, a leading campaigner told the Post: "We are not stuffing our hats with rabbits. We plan a straightforward campaign in which we will stress our achievements, which are many despite all the mud slung at us. But if Labour insists on rabbits, we will show that we have plenty with which we can surprise them. Anything they can do we can do better."

The writer is The Jerusalem Post's political reporter.

POSTSCRIPTS

PS FRENCH archeologist Francoise Claustre — who disappeared from public view after she was freed following nearly three years as a hostage in the Chad desert — announced recently the discovery of a 6,000-year-old burial site at Balesa near the Spanish border in the eastern Pyrenees.

The announcement, made through the French National Centre for Scientific Research, said a team of archeologists led by Claustre had uncovered tombs, weapons, stone artifacts and pottery fragments in what was described as "one of the most important Mediterranean burial sites of the neolithic period ever found."

It was the first published report of the activities of Claustre since her 33 months of captivity in the desert of northern Chad. She was taken prisoner by then rebel leader — now president — Hissene Habre on April 21, 1974 and held until January 30, 1977.

PS A READER in Kiryat Bialik was much taken with a recent advertisement in the Hebrew press worded in this curious manner:

"Wanted: Experienced English typist. Qualifications: Mother tongue English, knowledge of telex an advantage."

"The reader observes that the firm is obviously in need a first-rate secretary right away. A.V.G."

PS "MEXICO'S" saucy mascot for the 1986 World Cup soccer contest has been shown the yellow card, according to the Mexican government news agency Notimex.

The mascot, known as Pique (pronounced pee-key), is a chili pepper with a Zapata mustache. But the chili pepper is regarded as a phallic symbol by many Mexicans, and Notimex commented that Pique had become a butt of countless ribald jokes.

The agency predicted that Pique would be replaced by a mascot based

on the image of Cantinflas, the Mexican comic who has been compared with Charlie Chaplin.

Since Pique was unveiled recently, Mexican media have complained that his image was not sufficiently dignified.

PS ISAAC Bashevis Singer, the Nobel Prize-winning author, Congressman Tom Lantos and his wife Annette of California, and Zevulun Hammer, Israel's minister of education and culture, have joined the Israel-American Advisory Board of the newly formed Chai — Concern for Helping Animals in Israel, Inc., an organization established to provide support for animal welfare efforts in Israel.

Chai's purpose is to raise funds in the U.S. and elsewhere to modernize and expand the five animal shelters already functioning in Israel, to build shelters in areas where none exist, to provide veterinary supplies and equipment, and to assist in developing a humane education programme in Israeli schools. Membership in Chai can be obtained by writing to the organization at P.O.B. 3341 Alexandria, Va. 22302, U.S.A.

PS ULPAN. — Nearly 23,000 Somali government employees and 246,000 civilians have learned to read and write Arabic since an Arabic-language programme was begun last year, says Information Minister Jaale Muhammad Omar Jess.

The minister told a news conference recently that all had passed language examinations and the totals did not include military personnel, who were studying in a separate programme.

Jess said that the language campaign was aimed at strengthening the Islamic faith and Arab culture of the Somali people. All government workers are required to be fluent in Arabic.

Somali, Italian, English and various tribal languages are spoken in Somalia.

READERS' LETTERS

ISRAEL FESTIVAL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I read Dora Sowden's May 30 review of the Canadian "dancer" act with utter disbelief. Did those things she described actually take place on stage as an Israel Festival entertainment? If so, then questions arise:

Did nobody protest? Why wasn't that person driven off stage or even arrested for public indecency and desecration of our flag? After one "performance," she was suffered to go on the stage another time before a paying audience? How were the Israel Festival acts booked, and who was responsible for letting this one in?

Finally, what required a Jerusalem Post dance critic to write five paragraphs on stuff like this, much less the newspaper to print it? I would

have dismissed it with one pithy word which I will not set down here. ABE KRAMER

Jerusalem

HAIFA IGNORED

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I wonder what Haifa has done to Leonard Bernstein, or the IPO for that matter, that this brave city is so completely, and I daresay, rudely ignored by them. There were many concerts in Tel Aviv and in Jerusalem, but none in Haifa.

Why is that? ANNE LAZARUS

Binyamina.

Petah Tikva.

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To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I have just returned from four glorious spellbinding days in Egypt, by courtesy of the lottery run by your newspaper and VIP Travel.

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